



Stakeholder Update: COVID 19

**Medicaid and CHIP Services
July 9, 2020**



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Provider Relief Fund: Reminder (1 of 2)

- June 9, HHS announced additional distribution from the Provider Relief Fund
 - Targeted to Medicaid and CHIP providers who did not receive funds from the General Distribution
- Instructions for the enhanced portal form and attestation can be found here:
<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/medicaid-provider-distribution-instructions.pdf>



Provider Relief Fund: Reminder (2 of 2)

- Frequently asked questions are available at this link: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/provider-relief-fund-general-distribution-faqs.pdf>
 - Medicaid distribution information starts on page 33
- Application deadline is July 20, 2020



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Medicaid Updates (1 of 2)

Spell of Illness Amendment for COVID-related Admissions

- A 30-day spell of illness limit on inpatient hospital stays applies to adult clients receiving Medicaid, except those in the STAR Program
- A \$200,000 annual limit on inpatient hospital stays applies to adults receiving Medicaid, except for those in the STAR and STAR+PLUS programs
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COVID-19 Response

Communication Channels

Clients

- [COVID section on HHS site](#)
- Health plan channels and providers

Providers

- [COVID section on HHS site](#)
- [COVID section on TMHP site](#)
- Health plan channels

+ Update calls

Submit questions to:
Medicaid_COVID_Questions@hhsc.state.tx.us



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Thank You!

**Next update:
July 16, 2020**