

New PRF Funding Available and Upcoming Deadline for PRF Period One Recipients

We have some important new developments to share with healthcare providers who have received payments through the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). There's also important new information for certain providers yet to receive PRF funding.

More Funding

HHS recently announced that another \$25.5 billion in funding is available for healthcare providers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. PRF Phase 4 will help smaller providers who often have very tight budgets and serve some of the most vulnerable populations. Phase 4 will also offer support to more rural healthcare providers hit hard by the pandemic. HHS says the application portal for this new round of funding will open **September 29, 2021**. You can read more about the specifics of Phase 4 in this [HHS announcement](#).

Deadline Approaching

Any healthcare providers that received PRF payments in the first round of funding should be aware of the quickly approaching reporting deadline. HHS says Period 1 recipients have until **September 30, 2021**, to submit their information via the [PRF Reporting Portal](#). Important note: A recently announced **60-day grace period** is being offered to providers currently dealing with Covid surges and natural disasters in recent weeks. It's important to note that should you not report by the September 30th deadline, you will be out of compliance, but enforcement won't start until after the 60-day grace period. Providers who can, are strongly encouraged to meet the September 30 deadline. Those providers that need to meet the September 30 deadline should have received a recent email communication from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), which is administering the PRF.

Here's the timeframe for all reporting requirements:

Period 1 recipients: July 1 - September 30, 2021

Period 2 recipients: January 1 - March 31, 2022

Period 3 recipients: July 1 - September 30, 2022

Period 4 recipients: January 1 - March 31, 2023

Now is the time to reach out to your GJM healthcare advisors if you have any questions about the upcoming deadline or any other concerns related to the PRF and reporting requirements.

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