

CARES ACT Enhanced Provider Relief Fund

Dentists who were previously ineligible for relief can now apply to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Provider Relief Fund.

The American Dental Association worked closely with HHS and the Health Resources and Services Administration, which administers the fund, to implement this for dentists. As a result of this advocacy, eligible dentists will receive a reimbursement of 2% of their annual reported patient revenue.

Dentists have until July 24 to apply for funding through the [Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal](#).

To be eligible to apply, a dental provider must meet all of the following requirements:

- Must not have received payment from the initial \$50 billion Medicare-focused general distribution.
- Must not have received payment from the \$15 billion Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program distribution.
- Must have filed a federal income tax return for fiscal years 2017, 2018 or 2019 or be an entity exempt from the requirement to file a federal income tax return and have no beneficial owner that is required to file a federal income tax return (for example, a state-owned hospital or health care clinic).
- Must have provided patient dental care after Jan. 31.
- Must not have permanently ceased providing patient dental care directly or indirectly through included subsidiaries. However, dental offices that shut down during the pandemic are eligible.
- If the applicant is an individual, have gross receipts or sales from providing patient dental care reported on Form 1040, Schedule C, Line 1, excluding income reported on a W-2 as a statutory employee.

According to the ADA, HHS will use a curated list of dental practice Taxpayer Identification Numbers to determine eligibility, but it will work to validate applicants who are not on the list. Providers with TINs on the list must meet other eligibility requirements, including operating in good standing and not being excluded from receiving federal payments. When entering their TIN in the portal, dentists should not use dashes as this will result in their number not processing correctly.

Dentists who previously received payments from the Medicare general distribution or the Medicaid and CHIP distribution — even if they rejected and returned the payment — are not eligible to apply now, but they may be eligible in future distributions of the fund, according to HHS. The ADA has been advocating for this eligibility restriction to be lifted.

Before applying to receive funding, HHS recommends providers first:

- Read the [Medicaid Provider Distribution Instructions Form](#).
- Download the [Medicaid Provider Distribution Application Form](#).

For more information about the CARES ACT Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal visit:

- Enhanced provider relief fund payment portal site: [Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal](#).
- CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal User Guide: [CARES ACT Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal User Guide](#)

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