

HHS Distributes \$30 Billion to Providers/Suppliers Today

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After significant speculation of when and how any portion of the \$100B of the CARES Act Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund would be paid, today HHS is [distributing \\$30B](#) of that fund to all Medicare-enrolled providers and suppliers based on their share of the 2019 Medicare fee-for-service payments. The funds will be administered by UnitedHealth Group, either deposited today using electronic ACH accounts (titled “HHSPAYMENT”) or paper checks sent in the mail. A rough allocation of the funds by state is [attached](#).

These funds are not a loan and are not required to be repaid. A provider’s share is based on the total amount of Medicare FFS payments that the provider received in 2019 per tax identification (TIN) number. This includes any Medicare-enrolled provider or supplier. An estimate of the amount can be made by dividing a provider or supplier’s 2019 FFS payments (by TIN) by the total Medicare FFS payments made in 2019--\$434 Billion. Medicare Advantage payments are not included in these calculations.

Two conditions exist for the receipt and retention of these funds: (1) within 30 days of receipt, providers and supplier must attest, electronically, to the receipt of the funds, and (2) providers may not “balance bill” any patient for COVID-related treatments.

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