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## Issues Alert

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### **HHS Publishes More Details on Provider Relief Fund's Dental Distribution**

Hello, Fellow Dentists:

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announcement on Friday was welcome news for so many of us still recovering from this spring's pandemic-related restrictions and closures. Since my last email, HHS published more details on these Provider Relief Fund (PRF) payments from the Dental Distribution. Even though some dental providers have already successfully applied for funding under the Medicaid or General Distributions, **dental providers who may not bill Medicare or Medicaid are now allowed to [apply for funding through the Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal](#).**

**A reminder that you must act quickly if you are eligible now. The deadline to apply for this Dental Distribution is July 24, 2020.**

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; and
- Must not have received payment from the \$15 billion Medicaid and CHIP Distribution; and
- Must have either (i) filed a federal income tax return for fiscal years 2017, 2018 or 2019 or (ii) 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 (e.g. a state-owned hospital or healthcare clinic); and

- Must have provided patient dental care after January 31, 2020; and
- Must not have permanently ceased providing patient dental care directly, or indirectly through included subsidiaries; and
- 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.

HHS will, in part, be using a curated list of dental practice Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TINs) to determine eligibility. **Providers with TINs on the curated list must meet other eligibility requirements including operating in good standing and not being excluded from receiving federal payments.** HHS will work to validate applicants that are not on that list. If you are concerned you were not on the curated provider list, please know you need to have an active, verifiable dental provider TIN and submit your information to the PRF application portal. Any eligible dental providers not on the curated list will undergo additional review and if validated will be permitted to apply for funding. Be sure to not use any 'dashes' when entering your TIN into the portal as it may not process correctly.

If you previously rejected a payment from the Medicare-General Distribution or the Medicaid and CHIP Distribution, even though you are not eligible to apply now, HHS states that “*you may be eligible in future distributions of the Provider Relief Fund.*” The ADA has been [advocating](#) for this eligibility restriction to be lifted and will remain engaged on the issue.

Dentists should review the [Terms and Conditions](#) and consult the [updated Dental Distribution FAQs](#). For help with the application process, HHS has also set up a **Provider Support Line (866) 569-3522 to assist with questions.**

The ADA is proud to support dentists as they return to serving their communities. Together, we are driving dentistry forward on its path to recovery. Be sure to visit [ADA.org/COVID19Advocacy](#) for regular updates.

Stay Well,



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