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Hello, Fellow Dentists:

Some more great news!

After extensive lobbying from the ADA's Government Affairs team, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is **extending the deadline to Aug. 28 for all dentists to [apply for funding through the Enhanced Provider Relief Fund \(PRF\) Payment Portal](#)**.

Additionally, [HHS announced](#) the following major updates impacting some dentists. Starting the week of Aug. 10, and through Aug. 28:

- Dentists who previously received small automatic payments from the General (Medicare) Distribution due to Medicare billings will be allowed to apply and receive additional funding.
- Dentists who experienced a recent change in ownership may submit their revenue information along with documentation proving a change in ownership for consideration for PRF payment.

I urge all dentists to act quickly if you haven't already. HHS is basing relief payments on 2% of gross revenues for patient care to all eligible providers. The first step in the application process is to validate your Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). HHS has also said they will soon be providing a more simplified application form, but please initiate the process of validating your TIN before the deadline. If your TIN is validated after Aug. 28, you will still be permitted to complete

your application.

The ADA has created a simple dental [FAQ](#) on popular PRF questions as dentists continue applying. A reminder that if you made a mistake and already submitted your application but haven't received payment yet, HHS allows you to submit a new application and they will use the most recent one. Once you receive payment, however, there is no ability to appeal or dispute a received payment.

Additionally, dentists **do not** have to participate in Medicaid/CHIP or Medicare to be eligible. Providers also aren't required to participate in Medicaid, Medicare, or other insurance networks if they accept payment.

Please consult official HHS and ADA resources for reliable information, including the:

- [PRF Payment Portal User Guide](#).
- [HHS instructions for filling out the application](#).
- [HHS webinar recording detailing the application process](#).
- Two extensive HHS FAQs:
 - [General Information about the PRF](#).
 - [Medicaid, CHIP and Dental Providers Distribution](#).

For all technical support, as well as service and payment support, HHS has set up a **Provider Support Line, 866.569.3522**. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central Time, Monday–Friday. Dentists should also review the [Terms and Conditions](#).

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.



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