

To: TennCare and CoverKids Providers

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Subject: Federal support for TennCare and CoverKids providers

If you are a provider who participates in TennCare and/or CoverKids, you may be eligible to receive funds from the federal government through the Provider Relief Fund to help support you and the care you are providing during the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act passed by the U.S. Congress allotted \$15 billion dollars to be distributed to support providers who participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs.

The deadline to apply for this funding has been extended to August 3, 2020. To apply, visit the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Portal at www.hhs.gov/providerrelief and choose "For Providers". This funding is available to a wide array of providers who meet the criteria. Physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, skilled therapists (including respiratory, occupational, speech, and physical therapists), nurses, behavioral health professionals, oral health professionals, pharmacy service professionals, and other providers may be eligible.

For more information on who is eligible and how to apply, see the CMS fact sheet online at: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/provider-relief-fund-medicaid-chip-factsheet.pdf>

TennCare will continue to provide updates if we receive them, but as a reminder, **this funding is being administered through a federal program by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.** Please continue to visit their website or reach out to the HHS contacts for any questions you may have.