



EXECUTIVE MEMO

TO: Board Executive Directors
QPL Chief Executive Officers

FROM: State Director Mary Poole

SUBJECT: CARES Act Provider Relief Funding for Medicaid & CHIP

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The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) has announced the CARES Act Provider Relief for Medicaid & CHIP service providers. Deadline to apply is July 20, 2020. HHS's webpage for this Medicaid and CHIP provider relief allocation is: <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/general-information/index.html#medicaid-chip>. Based on instructions, FAQs, and webinars, it appears DDSN providers may qualify to apply. Each interested provider should apply individually through the HHS portal (<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/providers/index.html>).

It is important each potentially eligible and interested provider start the application process as soon as possible to ensure the provider's Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) can be validated as being a Medicaid provider. Each state transmits this TIN information to CMS as the mechanism to validate each state's Medicaid providers. The initial application step is this provider validation, which takes 1-2 days. If a provider is rejected, the portal vendor appears to be coordinating with the respective state's Medicaid agency (SCDHHS) to validate. If a rejected provider has challenges with being validated through this initial process, the provider should call DDSN for assistance in obtaining SCDHHS's validation as a Medicaid provider. Please contact Deputy Director Pat Maley, telephone (803) 898-9769, for assistance.

There still is a level of complexity and ambiguity in this relief program's instructions, which DDSN will continue to work through with SCDHHS. **However, in order to provide maximum lead time to trouble shoot providers with initial validation problems, DDSN encourages all of its providers potentially eligible and interested in this relief program to access the application portal and obtain the important initial validation as a recognized Medicaid provider.**

Thank you