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The current total of the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund: **\$175B**

- CARES Act (03/27) allocated \$100B
- Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (04/24) allocated: \$75B

These funds are designed to reimburse eligible health care providers for expenses or lost revenue

PHSSEF Allocation: \$175 Billion	
Allocated Funds	
\$50 billion	Medicare facilities and providers •\$30B in first wave •\$20B in second wave
\$10 billion	Hospitals in hotspots
\$10 billion	Rural health clinics and hospitals
\$400 million	Indian Health Service
Remaining Funds	
\$104.6 billion yet to be allocated from \$175 billion	
<u>Remaining Priorities Identified by HHS</u>	
•Uninsured, sole Medicaid providers, Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and dentists	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RAISE COMPLIANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- “Provides or provided after January 31, 2020 diagnoses, testing, or care for individuals with possible or actual cases of COVID-19”
 - While this component of the T&Cs hasn’t change, the HHS Website guidance provides that “HHS broadly views every patient as a possible case of COVID-19”
- Recipient will use the funds to “prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus”
- “Only for health care related expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to coronavirus”
- Not use the funds to “reimburse expenses or losses that have been reimbursed from other sources or that other sources are obligated to reimburse”
- Two levels of reporting, including quarterly reporting for those who receive more than \$150,000
- Balance billing prohibition, which is limited to “presumptive or actual case[s] of Covid-19”
- Standard appropriations restrictions including financial management & salary limitations (e.g., \$197,300)

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- HHS to distribute the announced second wave of funding for Medicare facilities and providers, and distribute initial funds for rural facilities and clinics and hospitals in high impact areas
- Additional guidance on Terms & Conditions? Updated several times since the program was launched.
- The remaining \$104.6B in the PHSSEF
 - Will it target those not yet covered in the funding distribution: uninsured, SNFs, sole Medicaid providers
- Tensions remain between application process and formulaic distributions