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## HHS Provider Relief Fund Announcements

On July 31, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced three new approaches to securing funding:

- The Medicaid allocation application has been extended to August 28, 2020.
- For certain Medicare providers, HHS will allow those providers who missed the opportunity to apply for additional funding from the \$20 billion portion of the \$50 billion Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution. The opportunity to apply will begin on August 10 and will close on August 28.

### Payments for Providers Who Had a Change in Ownership

Also starting the week of August 10, providers who experienced challenges receiving Provider Relief Fund payments due to change in ownership may submit their revenue information, along with documentation proving a change in ownership for consideration for Provider Relief Fund payment. HHS has said it will accept this information through August 28.

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## Other COVID-19 Updates

**Point-of-Care (POC) Antigen Tests: What SNFs Need to Know:** On July 14, CMS announced an initiative to distribute of POC antigen COVID-19 testing devices to nursing homes across the country. AHCA/NCAL has put together a [summary](#) of important steps providers must take in preparing to use these testing devices. [Read More](#)

**Survey for Residents on COVID Nursing Home Experience:** A patient experience with COVID-19 survey is being conducted by Altarum's Program to Improve Eldercare and distributed in various forums and groups over the next few weeks ending on August 31, 2020. [Read More](#)

**Reminder: NHSN Updates to the Supplies and PPE Pathway:** Download the new [instructions](#) and read more for a summary. [Read More](#)

**CMS Required Training Coming for Additional Provider Relief Funds:** The White House [announcement](#) last week referred to a COVID-19 training that nursing homes must participate in to qualify and receive additional funding from the Provider Relief Fund. [Read More](#)

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