

# UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



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Dear Members,

We have been investigating if GAFC providers are eligible for the recently available federal funds that certain assisted living providers are eligible to apply for. We have been told that GAFC providers are eligible. More information is provided in this update from our national partner, Argentum, below, and in a separate memo at this [link](#).

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**From:** James Balda, Argentum President & CEO

**Re:** Update on HHS Provider Fund Medicaid Distribution

On June 9, HHS announced the release of \$25 billion in CARES Act provider relief funds. Of those funds, \$15 billion will be distributed to eligible Medicaid providers defined as “providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs and have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Allocation.” The deadline to submit an application for the Medicaid Targeted Distribution is **July 20, 2020**. Please see attached a memo prepared by Foley Hoag with more specific information about the program and links to instructions and the application form.

We know there is still confusion on some elements surrounding Medicaid distribution. One of the major questions is whether acceptance of these funds will preclude senior living providers from accepting any future funding that may be allocated for private pay senior living providers, even if the Medicaid funds are rejected. In order to seek clarification, Argentum submitted a list of 13 questions to HHS. However, we have been informed that these questions will be answered through the [HHS frequently asked questions page](#) that is updated periodically.

It is important to note that HHS will disburse the payments on a rolling basis. While in the past, some programs such as the SBA Payroll Protection Program have run out of money, at this point there is no such indication that will occur with this funding. As such, while there could be benefit to waiting until more clarification is provided by HHS, providers should make an individual decision based on their needs. HHS is also holding two webinars that might be helpful to eligible providers:

**Webcast for Provider Relief Fund Medicaid & CHIP Distribution**

Tuesday, June 23 | 2 PM EDT

[Register](#)

Thursday, June 25 | 2 PM EDT

[Register](#)

As we receive more information on the specifics of this program, we will keep you updated. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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