



HHS Announces CARES Provider Relief Fund Reporting Deadlines

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The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) released its highly anticipated Provider Relief Fund (PRF) reporting guidance on June 11, 2021, which outlines deadlines for providers to use the funding received and when they will be required to report. The first reporting period begins July 1, 2021 and will continue through early 2023.

In the new guidance, HHS created deadlines for use of the funds and reporting based on when providers initially received the funding. They will also be expected to use the funds within approximately one year of receipt. HHS provides the below table, which summarizes the deadlines for providers.

HHS Reporting Requirement Deadlines

	Payment Received Period (Payments Exceeding \$10,000 in Aggregate Received)	Deadline to Use Funds	Reporting Time Period
Period 1	April 10, 2020 to June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021
Period 2	July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020	December 31, 2021	January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022
Period 3	January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022
Period 4	July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021	December 31, 2022	January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023

In the previous PRF Reporting guidance, HHS had outlined two reporting periods and required the funding be used by the second reporting date, which was June 30, 2021. This shift will help ensure providers can adequately use the funding received towards the end of 2020 and early 2021 for COVID-related expenditures. The new guidance also sets deadlines for future payments from the amount remaining in the PRF that providers will ultimately receive in the second half of 2021.

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Overall, the categories providers will be required to report on remain largely the same with a few added sections of requested information built in. These added sections are the Subsidiary Questionnaire and a Survey regarding the impact of the payments. One important note regarding the reporting guidance is that it is now applicable to funding received from the Skilled Nursing Facility and Nursing Home Infection Control Distribution. Those entities will have additional information to report on, which are also outlined within the new guidance.

HRSA plans to host webinars for providers who will be required to report to HHS and intends to continue updating the FAQs with additional reporting information.