



# Provider Bulletin

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## TRAINING SEMINARS

To reserve a spot online or view a complete list of training seminars, go to the [Provider Training Seminar Schedule](#).

**Please note:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all seminars will be held as webinars.

## PROVIDER ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE LINE

Speak with an Enrollment Specialist. Go [here](#) for more information.

Available every Wednesday  
8am - 4pm

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Starting September 29, 2021, Medi-Cal providers can apply for additional Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Phase 4 and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Rural payments. Providers will apply for **both programs in a single application**. Visit the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) [dedicated webpage](#) for information about:

- » Eligibility requirements
- » Documents and information need to complete the application
- » Application process for ARP and PRF Phase 4 payments

On September 10, 2021, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the availability of **\$25.5 billion** in new funding for health care providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Phase 4 General Distribution** — **\$17 billion** based on providers' lost revenues and changes in operating expenses from July 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

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- To promote equity and to support providers with the most need, HRSA will:
  - \* Reimburse a higher percentage of lost revenues and expenses for smaller providers as compared to larger providers.
  - \* Provide “bonus” payments based on the amount of services they provide to Medicaid, CHIP, and Medicare patients, priced at the generally higher Medicare rates.
- **American Rescue Plan (ARP) Rural — \$8.5 billion** based on the amount of services providers furnish to Medicaid/CHIP and Medicare members living in Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP)-defined rural areas.
  - To promote equity, HRSA will price payments at the generally higher Medicare rates for Medicaid/CHIP patients

Providers facing challenges from recent natural disasters and the Delta variant will have a **final 60-day grace period** to come into compliance with their [PRF Reporting Requirements](#) if they fail to meet the deadline on September 30, 2021.

The full HHS press release can be found [here](#) and newly released PRF Phase 3 details can be found [here](#).