



Covid-19 Resources

FAQs – July 14, 2020

Getting you the answers to the many questions related to Covid-19 and its impact to you is our first priority. Things continue to evolve and change very rapidly, but please know that our team is working as quickly as possible to understand all that is taking place and going to the source for the answers. Our goal is to get you answers and information that is in **your** best interest and not get waylaid with distractions.

Q1: Should we apply for the funds recently made available through the Health and Human Services program?

Answer: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced on Friday, July 10th that they made more funds available for the Provider Relief Fund allocated under the CARES Act. The program was expanded to allow dentists to apply for relief and not just Medicaid and CHIP providers. It seems the program still requires an attestation that you had treated COVID-19 positive patients that was provided for initially. Note, if you already received Relief Funds from HHS, you are not eligible for another round of Relief Funds.

To know if you are eligible to receive funds up to 2% of your last year's gross receipts (gross receipts on line 1 of your tax return), you must start the application process and enter your Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) i.e. the EIN you bill insurance under. At that point, it will be determined if you are on the HHS approved list. There are steps in the FAQs to follow if your TIN is not on the approved list. Be sure you are using the Enhanced Provider Relief Portal when applying.

The funds would come in the form of a grant which means it is not required to be repaid but will be considered taxable income. There are eligibility requirements, but it appears that most dental practices will qualify to apply. **The deadline for application is Friday, July 24th**. Based on what we have seen thus far, we think it is advisable to initiate the application process.

As has been the case with most COVID related fund programs, there remain some unanswered questions and we highly recommend you read all terms and conditions before consenting to those terms. Also, be aware that the funds you receive will be made public so if privacy is a concern to you then you may not want to apply for the Relief Funds. Anyone reading the list will be able to estimate your annual Collections.

See the links following for more information and access to the application portal.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly at (425) 216-1612.

FAQS:

<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/faqs/dental-distribution/index.html>

Portal User Guide:

<https://chameleoncloud.io/review/3016-5ec704315a620/prod>

Application Portal:

<https://cares.linkhealth.com/#/>

If you have any questions, please reach out to us. We are working through the details of this program at the same time as you, please be patient as we uncover further details on the process.

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