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Human Services offers information on Medicaid provider COVID-19 relief funds

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services is encouraging all health care providers who provide services to North Dakota Medicaid members to apply for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provider relief funds through the federal Department of Health and Human Services. The funds aim to support hospitals, clinics and other health care providers on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Providers must apply for these COVID-19 relief funds on their own. North Dakota Medicaid cannot apply on behalf of providers.

“These funds will provide relief for many North Dakota Medicaid providers that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Caprice Knapp, the department’s Medicaid Director. “Even if a provider is not sure if they will qualify to receive funds, we encourage them to apply. Changes in decisions at the federal level can happen quickly, and we want to ensure that as many North Dakota Medicaid providers as possible receive CARES Act provider relief funds.”

Interested providers can find more information and an application for the provider relief funds on this federal website: <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/index.html>.

The deadline to apply is July 20, 2020.

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