

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



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Dear Members,

Last month, Mass-ALA included an article in our [newsletter](#), [The Voice](#), stating that the **HHS announced** the availability of \$25.5 billion in new funding for health care providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding includes \$8.5 billion in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) resources for providers who serve rural Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or Medicare patients, and an additional \$17 billion for Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Phase 4 for a broad range of providers who can document revenue loss and expenses associated with the pandemic in an effort to offset lost revenues and changes in operating expenses from July 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021. A portion of the funding was targeted for senior living providers and the window of time to apply opened on September 29, 2021.

Please be aware that the application deadline for Phase 4 of the PRF is **October 26th**. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible [here](#). We also encourage you to utilize the resources available, including Argentum's recorded webinar that took place on September 29th. This webinar was presented by Tom Barker and Alexander Somodevilla from Argentum's outside counsel, Foley Hoag LLP, and reviews the Phase 4 general distributions, relief for providers serving rural areas, the methodology, reconsideration process for Phase 3 payments, changes to the reporting requirements, and the recently updated frequently asked questions. You can access the recorded webinar [here](#).

For more information on applying, [visit this link](#).

If you have any questions, please contact us at Mass-ALA@mass-ala.org

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