

## US Dept HHS Hosting Focus Groups on July 21 & 22 for Providers

*The following is being shared by the National Council:*



The National Council for Behavioral Health would like to share that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Health Resources and Services Administration has scheduled two focus groups for this week to help providers with questions about \$15 billion in Medicaid/CHIP funds available through the Provider Relief Fund. HHS last week extended the application deadline for these funds to Monday, August 3, 2020.

The focus group sessions will address:

- Awareness of the Provider Relief Fund program and Medicaid/CHIP distribution.
- Understanding of program components, such as eligibility.
- Technical challenges faced during the application process.

These important sessions are scheduled for:

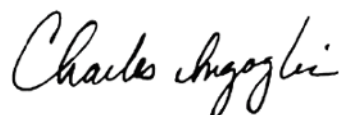
- Tuesday, July 21, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm ET
- Wednesday, July 22, from 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

### **ALL PROVIDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.**

HHS and the Health Resources and Services Administration are holding these focus groups **“to identify opportunities to increase application volumes in the current Medicaid/CHIP distribution, which is intended to support eligible providers with \$15 billion in funding.”** As the agency gathers information about the Provider Relief Fund, it also wants to hear your feedback on the program and experience with the Fund so far. We encourage you to attend as your schedule permits.

**IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE, RSVP IMMEDIATELY AND PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS TO:** [preston.white@mckinsey.com](mailto:preston.white@mckinsey.com). Please provide your name, email, title, organization, and state and note which session you would like to attend. More information can be found on the

Medicaid/CHIP distribution at the [Provider Relief Fund website](#) and in the [Medicaid/CHIP distribution fact sheet](#).

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