

November 17: USET SPF Alert: Amended PRF Deadline & Reporting Requirements

Dear USET SPF Membership,

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has recently issued updates to the [Post-Payment Notice of Reporting Requirements](#) [linked] and FAQs regarding reporting deadlines as well as permitted uses of funds under the Provider Relief Fund (PRF). An overview from HHS can be found [here](#) [linked]. We are also providing a [memo](#) [linked] from Hobbs Straus which provides additional detailed information on the updated reporting requirements.

The new Reporting Requirements apply to all PRF recipients who received at least \$10,000 in PRF funds (with additional requirements for those who received greater than \$500,000), requiring recipients to submit reports to HHS on their use of provider relief funds beginning on January 15, 2021—when the reporting portal is expected to open—until February 15, 2021. Providers that did not spend all of their PRF funds by December 31, 2020 will have until July 31, 2021 to report on those funds. As a result, all providers are effectively required to spend PRF funds by June of 2021.

Additionally, the updates include amendments to the reporting instructions in an effort to increase flexibility around how providers can apply PRF money toward lost revenues attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic, confirming "the full applicability [of] PRF distributions to lost revenues." Notably, after reimbursing COVID-19 healthcare related expenses that were not made whole by other sources, providers may use remaining PRF funds to cover any lost revenue, up to the amount of the difference between their 2019 and 2020 actual patient care revenue. These updates are intended to address the multiple concerns conveyed to HHS on the restrictions on permissible uses of PRF monies under the previous guidance.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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USET/USET SPF staff are currently teleworking until further notice. We will continue to assess the COVID-19 situation and its impact on our operations. We ask for your patience should you experience any challenges reaching any one of our staff. Additionally, please be aware that the USET/USET SPF organization has created a COVID-19 Resource & Information page which is being updated on a frequent basis.

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