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## **ODM Updates to Medicare and Third Party Liability Coverage**

The Ohio Department of Medicaid has posted to <https://medicaid.ohio.gov/COVID/ODM-Emergency-Telehealth> changes to how claims are processed for services rendered via telehealth when the recipient has Medicare or third-party coverage. Please refer to [ODM communication](#) for claims processing information regarding the following circumstances:

- Procedure codes not covered for telehealth under Medicare or third-party coverage, but available for telehealth delivery under Medicaid; and
- Procedure codes covered for telehealth under Medicare and Medicaid, but Medicaid telehealth offers broader applications of telehealth than Medicare does.

## **Medicaid/CHIP Provider Relief Fund Payment Forms and Guidance**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced availability of \$15 billion to eligible Medicaid and CHIP providers that serve Medicaid consumers and did not receive funding from earlier distributions through the Provider Relief Fund. Eligible provider organizations include: behavioral health and substance abuse providers as well as dentists, OB-GYNs, assisted living facilities and other home and community-based service providers, and pediatricians.

Providers who are eligible will have delivered health care to Medicaid recipients and directly billed a state Medicaid program or Medicaid managed care plan between Jan. 1, 2018 and May 31, 2020. Also, providers must not have received funding for the earlier \$50 billion release of funds to Medicare providers. The payment to each provider will be at least 2 percent of reported gross revenue from patient care. The final amount each provider receives will be determined after they submit data, including information about the number of Medicaid consumers they serve.

The Ohio Department of Medicaid worked with the Ohio Office of Budget and Management, Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Department of Aging, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and Ohio's Medicaid managed care organizations to submit information to CMS to enable providers' eligibility to receive this enhanced funding.

Before applying through the [enhanced provider relief portal](#), applicants should:

[Read the Medicaid provider distribution instructions \(PDF\)](#)

[Download the Medicaid Provider Distribution Application Form \(PDF\)](#)

**For more information on Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign, visit**

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