

Reminder: FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Funding Program

The purpose of the COVID-19 Telehealth Program, established under the CARES Act, is to help health care providers provide telehealth services to patients at their homes or mobile locations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The FCC will award up to \$1 million per applicant to purchase “telecommunications, information services, and connected devices” and is not limited to entities that are actually testing or treating COVID-19. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the money is gone or the epidemic ends. Please note that funding is open to eligible health care provider sites of any size that treat patients, whether located in rural or non-rural areas.

Examples of eligible services under the funding program include:

- Telecommunications Services and Broadband Connectivity Services: Voice services, for health care providers or their patients.
- Information Services: Internet connectivity services for health care providers **or their patients**; remote patient monitoring platforms and services; patient reported outcome platforms; store and forward services, such as asynchronous transfer of patient images and data for interpretation by a physician; platforms and services to provide synchronous video consultation.
- Connected Devices/Equipment: Tablets, smart phones, or connected devices to receive connected care services at home (e.g., broadband-enabled blood pressure monitors; pulse oximetry monitors) for patient or health care provider use; or telemedicine kiosks/carts for health care provider sites.

[Find out more](#) [↗]

Health Equity

Community Conversations with the Department of Justice

The Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) is hosting listening sessions to hear from marginalized & oppressed communities about what gets in the way of meaningful change. Each session will focus on specific populations, for example LGBTQIA+, Religious Minorities, Latinx, Black/African American, etc. The sessions will run through July and be available over video or phone.

For more information visit the [DOJ's Community Conversations webpage](#).[↗]

Funding Opportunities for Community-Based Organizations

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is offering funding opportunities for Community-Based Organizations throughout Oregon as part of the COVID-19 response. CBOs are central to integrating methods, tactics, and strategies that are most responsive to the needs of people of color, people with disabilities, immigrant and refugee communities, Tribes, Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers, and LGBTQIA+ communities.

For more information, in both English and Spanish please see the [COVID-19 Funding Opportunity for Community-Based Organizations webpage](#).⁷

Pride Foundation Community Grants Programs

The Pride Foundation released its Community Grants Program for smaller, grassroots LGBTQ+ led and focused organizations. These mostly smaller grants (\$5,000) are specifically for organizations that focus on LGBTQ+ issues and communities that have been especially harmed by systemic injustices like racism, xenophobia, misogyny, ableism, and transphobia.

For more information see the [Pride Foundation's Community Grants webpage](#).⁷

Trainings

Virtual Trainings: Motivational Interviewing & Patient-Centered Counseling Training (no-cost CME's available)

OHA is hosting full-day, virtual trainings focused on motivational interviewing and other patient-centered counseling skills. The trainings will be offered multiple times from August to December.

[Find out more and register](#) ⁷

Resources

DHHS Provider Relief Fund for OHP Providers

This week, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that they expect to distribute approximately \$15 billion to eligible Medicaid/CHIP providers who have not yet received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Distribution.

- Apply by July 20, 2020, using the new [Medicaid Targeted Distribution Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal](#)⁷ on the HHS Provider Relief Fund for Providers page (look for "Medicaid/CHIP Provider Relief Fund Payment Forms and Guidance").
- You can only apply once, so be sure to have all the information required to apply. More details are available in the [Medicaid Provider Distribution Instructions](#)⁷ and [HHS Frequently Asked Questions](#)⁷.
- Eligible providers will receive a distribution equal to at least 2 percent of reported gross revenues from patient care.

Examples of providers possibly eligible for this funding include pediatricians, obstetrician-gynecologists, dentists, opioid treatment and behavioral health providers, assisted living facilities, and other home and community-based services providers.

To be eligible, providers must have:

- Directly billed their state Medicaid/CHIP program or Medicaid managed care plans for health care-related services between January 1, 2018, and May 31, 2020; and
- Provided patient care after January 31, 2020

Reminder: RH Program Clinical Provider COVID-19 Resources Page

In an effort to be helpful while not adding to the COVID-19 noise, we created a RH Program Provider COVID-19 Resource Hub webpage. It includes our guidance on remote enrollment into RH Program coverage and service provision, links to OHA COVID-19 resources, telemedicine resources, equity resources, and resources for health centers and direct service providers.

See the [Program Provider COVID-19 Resource Hub webpage](#)⁷

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