

CT DSS COVID-19

Funding Call for Nursing Homes

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Questions & Comments

1) Funding Amount

- a. The above indicates that will receive only \$52M of the \$58M which means 89.5% of the 10% and 20% committed to providers. The Governor's April 3, 2020 press release indicated a 10% increase for 3 months would yield \$35.3M which means by extrapolation that approximately \$59M should represent a 10/20/20% increase for the 3-month period ended June 30, 2002. The \$52M means providers will receive an effective 8.9% (April) and 17.8% (May and June). What is happening with the difference?
- b. Could you please provide a copy of the Excel spreadsheet that shows how DSS arrived at each facility amount?
- c. Could DSS provide a by location comparison of Medicaid Spending for the period 3/1/2019 to May 31, 2019 compared to 3/1/2020 to May 31, 2020? Also, could DSS also provide, when available the same comparing monthly going forward?
- d. Understanding that the extending deferring provider tax payments and extending the payment due dates over a one-year period are under DRS

jurisdiction with DSS and OPM input, we wanted to flag the need to provide additional provider tax relief given the revenue shortfalls that continue to be experienced in the sector. Comments?

2) Deadlines

Thank you for providing a grace period by requiring deadlines to be met as soon as feasible.

3) Testing

- a. Regarding the response to the question and corresponding response: ***Is the State anticipating a retroactive assessment or recoupment against SNF providers for testing that was previously billed directly to the State through July 15th per recent DPH calls or only testing after that date?***

Answer:

There will be no retroactive recoupment for testing costs between June 3, 2020 and August 31, 2020. CRF funding may be used to cover the cost of testing.

- b. Is this funding underlined above outside of the \$52M?
- c. Thank you for clarifying that paid leave needs to be provided under FFCRA or an equivalent only on or after June 14, 2020, however the document now incorrectly references “child care needs”, which was never the expressed intent of this condition. Can you please revise the document accordingly?
- d. Could you please confirm that when providing this leave provide of “at least two (2) weeks paid sick leave to staff who 1) test positive for COVID-19; 2) are quarantined for COVID-19; or 3) show symptoms of COVID-19 infection ” that the quarantine requirement excludes employees quarantined due to their own personal travel and that the demonstration of a COVID infection must be verified by a qualified health professional, not simply a self-reporting? Can you please clarify that the additional two weeks of sick time that a nursing

home is to cover if the person used their FFCRA coverage prior to June 14 is to be new, additional time – or can the nursing home ask the employee to use their existing PTO? Please clarify that any provider funding would be UP TO TWO WEEKS (not AT LEAST) so we don't pay 10 days for someone who works 2 days a week (PTO coverage should be for scheduled time).

- e. Thank you for paying for testing through August 31. Is there a plan for after August 31 since it seems the pandemic will continue past that date assuming Governor continues to require non-medically necessary yet important testing?

4) Reporting

- a. How will report data be used to settle the CRF funding provided through June 30 to actual cost? Will DSS compare historical computed cost per day to the actual cost per day with cost component costs waived and days based on actual patient days?
- b. Once we submit the reports when will we receive the DSS CRF grants? What is the process?
- c. Since there was limited testing availability during the public health emergency do you mean both laboratory tested and suspected when the reporting form asks for "Number of days that included a positive COVID-19 diagnosis"?