

# HHS Establishes Deadline for Use of Provider Relief Fund Distributions

Late on July 30, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published [guidance](#) establishing a July 31, 2021, deadline for providers to fully expend their [Provider Relief Fund](#) distributions. Just last week, HHS announced [initial reporting requirements](#) for recipients of general and targeted distributions that received one or more payments exceeding \$10,000, including a July 31, 2021, final reporting deadline. However, as mentioned in our [prior client update](#), the announcement left uncertainty as to the deadline to fully expend or return distributions.

As of now, if you received a payment from the General Distribution (including the \$30 billion tranche, the \$20 billion tranche, or Medicaid, Dental, & CHIP allocation) or a Targeted Distribution, you must fully expend or return any unused portion of your distribution by July 31, 2021. HHS has not yet issued instructions on how to return unused funds.

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