

Champions of COVID Response

Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Region V Team



Summary:

HRSA's Resources Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Since April 2020, HRSA as a whole, has managed the distribution of the \$178 billion Provider Relief Fund (PRF) to eligible health care providers for health care expenses or lost revenue attributable to the COVID-19 outbreak. A portion of these funds reimburses providers for COVID-19 treatment and vaccine administration for individuals without health care coverage with an additional \$2 billion available for testing. Throughout the pandemic, the HRSA Region 5 staff have been providing technical assistance, and funneling questions and concerns through the appropriate channels to ensure appropriate financial relief is provided to the eligible health care providers within Region 5 in a timely manner. In addition, HRSA is also providing assistance to the HRSA funded health centers, as they position themselves throughout Region 5 to provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Also, throughout the pandemic, HRSA has maintained a direct line of continual communication to each of the State and City Health Officials. These are the most senior public health leadership staff, who report directly to the governors of each of the six, Region 5 states, and to the Mayor (for the City of Chicago). These direct and personal professional connections allowed for immediate resolutions of questions and/or concerns related to HRSA COVID-19 related resources.

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