



**Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr.**  
**Hospitals and Providers Relief Fact Sheet**  
**Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021**



**Hospital and Provider Relief:**

- Invests \$3 billion in new resources for the Provider Relief Fund.
- Ensures 85 percent of the monies currently unobligated in the Provider Relief Fund are allocated equitably via applications that consider financial losses and changes in operating expenses.
- Provides additional certainty to providers by clarifying that payments made prior to September 19, 2020, must be calculated using the [guidance released](#) by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on June 19, 2020.
- Allows additional flexibility for providers by clarifying that eligible health care providers may transfer all or any portion of such payments among the subsidiary eligible providers of the parent organization.
- Provides a three-month delay of the Medicare sequester payment reductions through March 31, 2021.
- Provides for a one-time, one-year increase in the Medicare physician fee schedule of 3.75 percent, to support physicians and other professionals in adjusting to changes in the Medicare physician fee schedule during 2021, and to provide relief during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**For more information, please visit the [HHS Provider Relief Fund](#) website.**

**Public Health Investments:**

- Invests \$22.4 billion in testing, contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitigation, with a targeted investment of no less than \$2.5 billion for expanding access to testing and contact tracing in high-risk and underserved populations, including for communities of color and rural areas, and \$790 million for the Indian Health Service to support Tribes.
- Dedicates over \$19 billion in the nation's supply of COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics, including for the manufacture, production, and purchase of vaccines, therapeutics, and ancillary supplies.
- Supplies \$8.75 billion for vaccine distribution, administration, planning, preparation, promotion, monitoring, and tracking, with a targeted investment of \$300 million for high-risk and underserved populations, including for communities of color and rural areas, and \$210 million for the Indian Health Service to distribute vaccines directly to Tribes.
- Reinforces our Strategic National Stockpile with an investment of \$3.25 billion.
- Authorizes a national campaign to increase awareness and knowledge of the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, expands programs to collect vaccination coverage data, and authorizes grants to address vaccine-preventable diseases.

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