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## HHS Announces Phase 3 Provider Funds Distribution

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), **announced** \$20 billion in new funding for providers on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic.

Under this Phase 3 General Distribution allocation, providers that have already received Provider Relief Fund payments will be invited to apply for additional funding that considers financial losses and changes in operating expenses caused by the coronavirus. Previously ineligible providers, such as those who began practicing in 2020 will also be invited to apply, and an expanded group of behavioral health providers confronting the emergence of increased mental health and substance use issues exacerbated by the pandemic will also be eligible for relief payments.

Providers can begin applying for funds on Monday, October 5, 2020.

Providers are encouraged to apply early.

Click [here](#) to link to the HHS website for additional information and instructions to apply.

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## National Public Health Emergency Extended

On October 2, 2020, the Secretary of HHS, Alex Azar, renewed the national public health emergency on Friday with an effective date of Oct 23 for a period of 90 days. The declaration can be seen [here](#).

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## DPH Update: Georgia Personal Protective Equipment

In March, DPH launched a ReadyOp link to request Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during the supply shortage. The PPE supply chain has recovered to a point where the big six (gowns, gloves, face shields, coveralls, surgical masks, and hand-sanitizer) are available in stores and through

distributors. Given the change in availability of PPE, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security (GEMA/HS) and the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) have reassessed the PPE support mission of the State's COVID-19 response plan.

Please note, at 11:59 PM on October 15, 2020, DPH will deactivate the Ready Op PPE link and process all requests for emergency resupply of PPE through county EMAs using the State's WebEOC resource request process. Additional information can be found [here](#).

DBHDD encourages providers to assess PPE needs routinely and place orders with your suppliers in advance. If an emergency does occur, providers may contact the county Emergency Management Director and he/she will help them with WebEOC.

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