

Frequently Asked Questions – Treatment of COVID Costs in Cost Reports

Nursing home providers have received federal grants and funding for COVID-related expenses, such as Provider Relief Funds, SBA Loan Forgiveness, Paycheck Protection Program loans and other funds to assist during the COVID-19 Pandemic. These costs and revenues will need to be reported on the Medicaid cost reports. Providers should not offset the revenue received for COVID related expenses in the Medicaid cost reports.

1. How should providers report the various types of COVID Payments and Funding?

Answer:

Provider Relief Fund payments (PRF):

- *Treat as revenue*
- *Providers should not adjust the expenses on the Medicare cost report based on PRF payments received. However, providers must adhere to HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration)'s guidance regarding appropriate uses of PRF payments, in order to ensure that the money is used for permissible purposes.*

Small Business Administration (SBA) Loan Forgiveness/Paycheck Protection Program:

- *Treat as revenue*
- *Do not offset SBA Loan Forgiveness amounts against expenses unless those amounts are attributable to specific claims such as payments for the uninsured.*

Medicaid Cost Report Considerations:

- *Use **690080 Contributions, Gifts, and Grants Revenue** account to report PRF & SBA revenues in the Medicaid cost report.*
- *Do not offset the revenues.*
- *The revenues must be reported "in aggregate" (no detail required).*

2. How should personal care attendants be reported on the Medicaid cost report?

Answer:

Personal Care Attendants should be reported under Direct Care with Nurse Aide expenses. Hours worked should be reported on the schedule F-2 with nurse aide hours.

3. How should providers that were designated as COVID Isolation facilities report additional funding received from AHCA under the Medicaid Supplemental Agreement?

Answer:

These designated providers should offset COVID related expenses by the additional funding received from the Agency for Health Care under the Medicaid Supplemental Agreement for being a designated COVID Isolation facility. Providers should follow a similar methodology to how providers offset pediatric revenue currently.

More Questions?

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