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### **ALLOCATION FOR RURAL PROVIDERS**

- I. \$10 billion will be allocated for rural health clinics and hospitals, most of which operate on especially thin margins and are far less likely to be profitable than their urban counterparts.
- II. This money will be distributed as early as next week on the basis of operating expenses, using a methodology that distributes payments proportionately to each facility and clinic.
- III. This method recognizes the precarious financial position of many rural hospitals, a significant number of which are unprofitable.
- IV. Rural hospitals are more financially exposed to significant declines in revenue or increases in expenses related to COVID-19 than their urban counterparts.

### **ALLOCATION FOR TREATMENT OF THE UNINSURED**

- I. The Trump Administration is committed to ensuring that Americans are protected against financial obstacles that might prevent them from getting the treatment they need for COVID-19.
- II. As announced in early April, a portion of the \$100 billion Provider Relief Fund will be used to reimburse healthcare providers, at Medicare rates, for COVID-related treatment of the uninsured.
- III. Every health care provider who has provided treatment for uninsured COVID-19 patients on or after February 4, 2020, can request claims reimbursement through the program and will be reimbursed at Medicare rates, subject to available funding.

IV. Steps will involve: enrolling as a provider participant, checking patient eligibility and benefits, submitting patient information, submitting claims, and receiving payment via direct deposit.

V. Providers can register for the program on April 27, 2020, and begin submitting claims in early May 2020. For more information, visit [coviduninsuredclaim.hrsa.gov](https://coviduninsuredclaim.hrsa.gov).

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