

## Home- and community-based provider retainer payment limits provider type: adult day care centers Date: July 17, 2020

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recently issued guidance to states limiting the provision of retainer payments to no more than three 30-day periods. **This means that eligible home- and community-based providers offering services through the iBudget waiver and long-term care program cannot receive retainer payments for more than three months.** If providers have already received a retainer payment for three months from Simply Healthcare Plans, Inc. (Simply), we are unable to make retainer payments in subsequent months. If providers have previously received approval from Simply to receive a retainer payment and have not exceeded the three-month limitation, Simply will continue to make the payments until the three-month limit is reached.

We understand the difficulty this may cause our providers during the COVID-19 state of emergency. For this reason, we want to remind you of another potential funding opportunity that is available to you.

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced additional distributions from the Provider Relief Fund targeted to eligible providers that participate in the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs. The payment will be approximately 2% of reported gross revenue from patient care. **The deadline to submit an application has been extended through August 3, 2020.** For more information, please visit <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/providers/index.html>.
- **Frequently Asked Questions:** HHS has posted updated FAQs to address questions submitted during the previous webinars. The updated FAQs can be found [here](#).
- **Fact sheet to Help Providers:** The Agency has created a fact sheet with key information for providers. It is posted at [http://ahca.myflorida.com/docs/CARES\\_Act\\_Medicaid-CHIP\\_Funds\\_Factsheet.pdf](http://ahca.myflorida.com/docs/CARES_Act_Medicaid-CHIP_Funds_Factsheet.pdf).
- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) launched the Paycheck Protection Program, which is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. The SBA will forgive loans if all employee retention criteria are met, and the funds are used for eligible expenses. The Paycheck Protection Program resumed accepting applications July 6, 2020 in response to President signing the program's extension legislation. The new deadline to apply for a Paycheck Protection Program loan is August 8, 2020. For more information on the program and how to apply, please visit <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>.

If you have any questions related to this notice, please contact Provider Relations at [ltcprovrelations@simplyhealthcareplans.com](mailto:ltcprovrelations@simplyhealthcareplans.com).

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