

# **Update: U.S. Health and Human Services Clarifies Broad Eligibility of Providers for Payments Under \$30 Billion CARES Act Healthcare Provider Relief Fund**



As discussed in Goodwin's prior Client Alert, on April 10, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) began disbursing \$30 billion to Medicare providers and suppliers under the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSS Emergency Fund). HHS is requiring providers to agree to certain terms and conditions or return the payments. A number of the terms and conditions created some confusion as to whether providers who have not provided services directly related to COVID-19 may keep the payments. HHS has now clarified that providers may keep payments distributed under the PHSS Emergency Fund regardless of whether they have or will provide services directly related to COVID-19.

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