



Reporting Requirements for Provider Relief Funds



(note: this definition is unchanged from the previous, September guidance); and PRF payment amounts not fully expended on health care-related expenses attributable to COVID-19 are then applied to patient care lost revenues, net of the health-care related expenses attributable to COVID-19 calculated under step one.

Recipients may apply PRF payments toward lost revenue, up to the amount of the difference between their 2019 and 2020 actual patient care revenue.



HHS also states that if recipients do not expend PRF funds in full by the end of calendar year 2020, they will have an additional six months in which to use remaining amounts toward expenses attributable to COVID-19 but not reimbursed by other sources, or to apply toward lost revenues in an amount not to exceed the difference between 2019 and 2021 actual revenue. For example, the reporting period January-June 2021 will be compared to the same period in 2019, or January-March 2021 will be compared to the same quarter in 2019.

On Sept. 19, HHS had issued new reporting requirements that were deeply problematic for hospitals and would have forced many to unjustifiably return funding. The AHA, the WHA and member hospitals and health systems advocated aggressively against the September guidance. The department alludes to feedback it received in a notice explaining why it revised its September requirements and instead issued those described above.

Expansion of Phase 3 “General Distribution” Eligibility. HHS also announced that it is expanding eligibility for its forthcoming Phase 3 “general distribution” of \$20 billion to include additional providers (regardless of whether they accept Medicaid or Medicare) that may not have received PRF payments. Among those it cites are hospital units; behavioral health providers; hospice providers; laboratories; and ambulatory health care facilities.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act included \$175 billion in the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund to reimburse health care providers for health care-related expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are attributable to COVID-19. In order to accept these funds, recipients agreed to Terms & Conditions, which require compliance with reporting requirements as specified by HHS.

The Wyoming Hospital Association would like to thank Senator Barrasso and Representative Cheney for all the work they are doing on behalf of hospitals in Wyoming.

Both members of Congress have sent letters to The Honorable Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services regarding the reporting requirements for Provider Relief Funds (PRF).

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Oct. 22 issued a revision to its reporting requirements for providers that received Provider Relief Fund (PRF) payments.

The notice includes revised data elements that recipients must submit for calendar years 2019 and 2020. Specifically, recipients will report their use of PRF payments by submitting the following information:

Health care-related expenses attributable to COVID-19 that another source has not reimbursed and is not obligated to reimburse, which may include General and Administrative (G&A) or health care-related operating expenses



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What's in a name? A lot, according to Tadd Greenfield, the CEO of South Big Horn County Hospital District. With the support of the hospital board, Greenfield initiated the recent move to change the name of South Big Horn County Hospital to Three Rivers Health.

When asked for the rationale behind the change, Greenfield said the major reason was their newly adopted mission statement: "Improving Healthcare to Improve our Community." He went on to say the rebranding of South Big Horn County Hospital to Three Rivers Health will be a

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way for patients and community members to identify with exciting changes that have already taken place and those yet to come.

So where did the name Three Rivers Health come from? According to Greenfield, community participation was encouraged in the renaming process. The hospital placed newspaper ads that asked community members to submit name suggestions via email. After considering the input of many, the name Three Rivers Health was chosen to "honor the hospital's service area and is a reference to the

Big Horn, Greybull and Nowood Rivers.

Greenfield said Three Rivers Health plans to promote a healthier community by offering additional programs like their drive-up flu clinic and reduced priced labs. He hopes the new services that are now available such as the cardiology clinic and 3D mammography along with others coming soon will allow people the opportunity to receive care locally rather than travel to Billings.

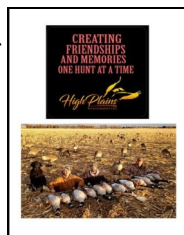


## WHA PAC Online Silent Auction

[www.32auctions.com/wyohospitals](http://www.32auctions.com/wyohospitals)

Advocacy is one of the main responsibilities of the Wyoming Hospital Association. We have done a tremendous job during the past several years in representing you and your organizations. Without your contributions to the PAC, our advocacy efforts become more difficult. The Wyoming Hospital Association Political Action Committee (PAC) raises funds to support candidates for the Wyoming State Legislature who champion the goals and mission of Wyoming hospitals.

The activity and engagement of the WHA PAC demonstrate its growing influence in the state. The WHA and the WHA PAC are looked to as leaders in healthcare policy, and your continued support of this work is critical. We have assembled a selection of excellent items ready for your bid. As you shop around, please consider participating to support this important work done on behalf of our Wyoming hospitals. This year, we expect to raise \$5,000 and we hope you will help us reach this goal.



Following are some of the items you will be able to bid on:

### WHA Resources

Canvas picture of Devil's Tower

### Eileen Dinneen

Ribbon Turquoise Pendant & Drop Earrings

### Wyoming Medical Center

Full Day Fishing Trip with Wyoming Fly Fishing

### Wyoming Behavioral Institute

Golf outing for 4 at Three Crowns Golf Club

### Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County

Photo of Boar's Tusk in Sweetwater County along with the Photographers book

### SageWest Health Care

Maven Spotting Scope

### Community Hospital

Guided Canadian Goose hunt with High Plains Wingshooters

### Iverson Memorial Hospital

Harvest Gift Basket

### Sheridan Memorial Hospital

Golf outing for 4 at the Powder Horn Golf Club



### South Lincoln Medical Center

Half a Beef

### Weston County Health Services

License Plate Art

### Powell Valley Healthcare

Holiday Basket

### Cheyenne Regional Medical Center

His & Hers Oakley Sunglasses

### Campbell County Health

### Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital

### Memorial Hospital of Converse County

Bidding begins November 2nd at 9:00 a.m. and will end November 9th at 10:00 p.m.