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COVID-19 Update: Deadline Extended for Pediatricians to Apply for Financial Relief

Dear Colleagues:

I am reaching out today with an important update: pediatricians now have **more time to apply for financial relief from the federal government and it's now easier than ever to apply.**

The new deadline to apply for funds has been **extended to August 28**. AAP recommends that all pediatricians who believe they may be eligible for these funds apply now.

After persistent AAP advocacy, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has **simplified and streamlined the application process** and has **reopened the portal for those who were not previously eligible because they received a small Medicare-based payment.**

I know so many of you and your practices have been financially impacted by the pandemic, and so we cannot stress this opportunity enough to take advantage of this support.

Here's what you need to know:

- **If you see patients on Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program** and you have not yet applied for financial relief, you now have until August 28 to [apply](#).
- **If you received an automatic Medicare-based payment** and you either rejected that initial payment or did not apply for additional funding, you can now [attest](#) to receiving the initial payment and then [apply](#) for a second, "true-up" payment, bringing your total relief payment up to 2% of your annual patient revenue. The deadline to apply is August 28.

Please visit [this HHS website](#) to apply for these funds.

AAP recently updated its [FAQ page](#) with more information on these funding opportunities. If you have any questions or concerns, please send them to covid-19@aap.org.

While securing this financial support is important progress, our advocacy on this issue is not over. The Academy will continue to urge the federal government to provide pediatricians across the country with the support they need. Children and families have faced unprecedented challenges throughout this pandemic – we must be able to be there for them.

Please consider applying for this financial relief and thank you for all you continue to do for children during this time.

Sincerely,

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