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ANCOR Urges: Apply for COVID Emergency Funding to Show Congress They Need to Do More

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#ForgottenFaces Campaign Update: August 13, 2020

*Acknowledging those we've lost;
working to ensure further lives are spared*

Latest News: Apply for COVID Emergency Funding to Show Congress They Need to Do More

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) made emergency funding available for Medicaid providers — **apply to show Congress how deep the need is for funding!** Unfortunately, Congress left for its August recess without passing a new COVID-19 funding relief package despite calls from advocates such as you for a package that includes increased Medicaid funding. The congressional debate over what shape this funding will take is likely to go on until September, even as **#ForgottenFaces** continue to be at risk for the pandemic.

Since most state's emergency authorization to provide retainer payments has ended, the HHS emergency funds will be the only funding available for at least the rest of the summer. **Please take advantage of this emergency funding to show that there is a profound need for investment in Medicaid disability supports,** and to underscore that while HHS funding is helpful, it will not be enough without Congress coming back to the negotiation table. We will not let up our calls for Congress to act, but this funding is important to keep your operations stable until then.

What We're Reading: #ForgottenFaces in the News

[COVID-19 Funding Needed for Intellectual and Developmental Disability Community](#)

Richard Edley & Mark Davis | The Tribune-Review, August 10, 2020

[Senate COVID-19 Relief Proposal Overlooks Disability Community, Advocates Say](#)

Michelle Diamant | Disability Scoop July 30, 2020

TAKE ACTION: Apply for HHS Emergency Funds Today!

In June, the advocacy of ANCOR members like you led HHS to open up a portion of that funding to Medicaid providers, including disability providers. While the original deadline to apply was July 20, it **has been extended to August 28**. On August 10, HHS further expanded that victory by opening up the portal to a subset of Medicaid providers who had previously been deemed ineligible because they received some Medicare funding.

Apply as soon as possible. HHS has shared that plenty of funding is left, and the sooner you apply, the sooner you will receive the funding! Applications are processed on a rolling basis.

The entire process can be done in 6 steps:

- Determine your eligibility.
- Submit your tax identification number (TIN) for validation by August 28 – even if the state does not validate it until after, you just need to submit it by the deadline.
- Apply for funding.
- Receive payment.
- Attest to receiving the payment.
- Report on the use of funds.

[This link explains each of those steps in detail and brings you to the application portal.](#) You can also find FAQs and reporting requirements on that page.

[Apply Today!](#)

