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### **Mountain Health CO-OP Offers Relief To Doctors Affected by Change Healthcare Cyber Attack**

Insurance Firm Provides Immediate Funding to Qualified and Affected Professional Providers.

Helena, Montana, March 14, 2024. Mountain Health CO-OP has announced it has earmarked monies to provide immediate funding to participating professional providers in its networks in Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming. Funding will be in the form of a short-term interest-free loan for which providers would be required to show evidence of a financial shortfall due to the Change Healthcare/United HealthGroup cyber attack.

"We believe helping our providers get through this difficult time will not only provide immediate relief to our physician partners, but will assure our members have continued access to quality healthcare," said Blair Fjeseth, Chief Operating Officer at Mountain Health Co-op.

Change Healthcare was the victim of a major cyber attack, which has compromised data privacy, and forced providers to use complex workarounds and receive delayed payments from most payers; some providers have reported up to 80% reduction in reimbursement, although the figure varies.

Justin Murgel, CEO of Pureview Clinic in Helena, said, "We welcome any help we can get during this difficult time. When providers and payers stand together, our patients win."

Interested providers should email [team@mhc.coop](mailto:team@mhc.coop) for additional details. Once normal funding is resumed, this funding will be considered an advance on payment, not a gift, so there will be zero interest repayment parameters.

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