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NEQCA Network Primary Care and Specialist Providers  
LCO Presidents, Administrators and Medical Directors  
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(with cc:s to NEQCA Board of Trustees and NEQCA Central Leadership)*

Dear Wellforce Providers:

We would like to provide clarity and some additional guidance regarding the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) most recent announcement about the \$20B funding opportunity specific to our pediatricians and family practices.

- 1) Practices must use their TIN to apply.
- 2) Funding is distributed to practices not to individual physicians within the practices.
- 3) If you are a pediatrician in a multi-specialty practice, then the practice *could* be eligible to receive funding if the practice billed Medicare FFS in 2019.
- 4) Unfortunately, it appears that pediatricians who are not in a multi-specialty practice would not be eligible to apply for this tranche of money.

If you are a multi-specialty practice who would like to explore eligibility, please click here:  
<https://covid19.linkhealth.com/#/step/1>

HHS is signaling that another wave of funding will be distributed soon to other clinicians that rely more on Medicaid revenues, such as pediatricians and OB-GYNs. This next round of funding, known as "COVID Phase 4," could be considered in Congress as early as the beginning of May, according to some sources.

We are hopeful that Congress will pass additional stimulus legislation that will help cover some of the COVID-related expenses that our pediatricians have incurred.

Thank you for your patience as we work to understand all of the funding related opportunities out there for our providers. We are committed to providing you with additional details as we learn relevant updates.

Please contact your local representative with any additional questions.