

# Health Care Provider Stabilization Grant Program

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**Webinar Topic: General Overview**

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# Webinar Series

The Agency of Human Services and the Department of Vermont Health Access will be hosting a series of webinars this week on the Health Care Provider Stabilization Grant Program. Applicants are welcome to join for the live call, or they may access the recording of the event and review the presentation slides at their convenience; recordings and slides will be posted to <https://dvha.vermont.gov/covid-19> within 24 hours of the scheduled webinar.

## Webinar Schedule

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# Meeting Logistics

- This meeting is being recorded
- All callers will be muted, but you can submit your questions in the chat box.
- Submitted questions will be compiled and added to the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) as appropriate.

# Overview

1. Background and Objective
2. Conditions of Funding
3. Application Process and Timeline
4. Eligibility
5. Required Documentation
6. Questions & Next Steps

# Background and Objective

- The Administration proposed a health care stabilization program with the objective of providing financial assistance to health care and human service providers experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19.
  - The program was proposed as a mechanism to preserve Vermonters' access to health care services during and after the COVID-19 emergency.
- Act 136 of 2020 requires the Agency of Human Services to establish the Health Care Provider Stabilization Grant Program.
  - The sum of \$275,000,000.00 is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund and the program shall be administered in accordance with Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act governing the permissible use of Coronavirus Relief Funds.

# Conditions of Grant Funding

- Grant funds will be expended by December 30, 2020.
- Grant funds will be used to cover costs and lost revenues associated with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) disaster, in accordance with section 601 of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, div. A, Title V (Mar. 27, 2020) (“section 601”).
- Any resulting grant shall be funded with Federal funds and subject to the requirements of Single Audit found at 2 CFR §200 Subpart F.

# Grant Application Process and Timeline

- AHS will administer two application cycles:
  - July 17<sup>th</sup> (for the time period March 1, 2020 – June 15, 2020).
  - October (for the time period June 16, 2020 – September 30, 2020).
  - In the event that demonstrated need in the first application cycle exceeds the allocated funding amount, AHS reserves the right to prioritize the distribution of funds in the first cycle.
- For the first cycle, applications should be submitted electronically using the web-based form between July 17, 2020 and August 15, 2020 at 11:59 PM EST.
- All applications will be reviewed after the application period closes.
- Funding determinations will be made based on the total need demonstrated in the applications received, subject to available funding, not on a first-come-first-served basis.

# Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Domiciled in Vermont.
- ✓ Operating on or before February 1, 2020.
- ✓ Considered a “billing provider.”
  - if you are not a billing provider, you must complete [the pre-approval certification](#) and receive approval *before* beginning the application.
- ✓ Committed to maintaining participation in value-based payment initiatives, as applicable, through calendar year 2021, if already participating in calendar year 2020. Participation in a value-based payment initiative will not affect an entity’s award amount.
- ✓ Provider agreement to the terms and conditions of the HCS grant.



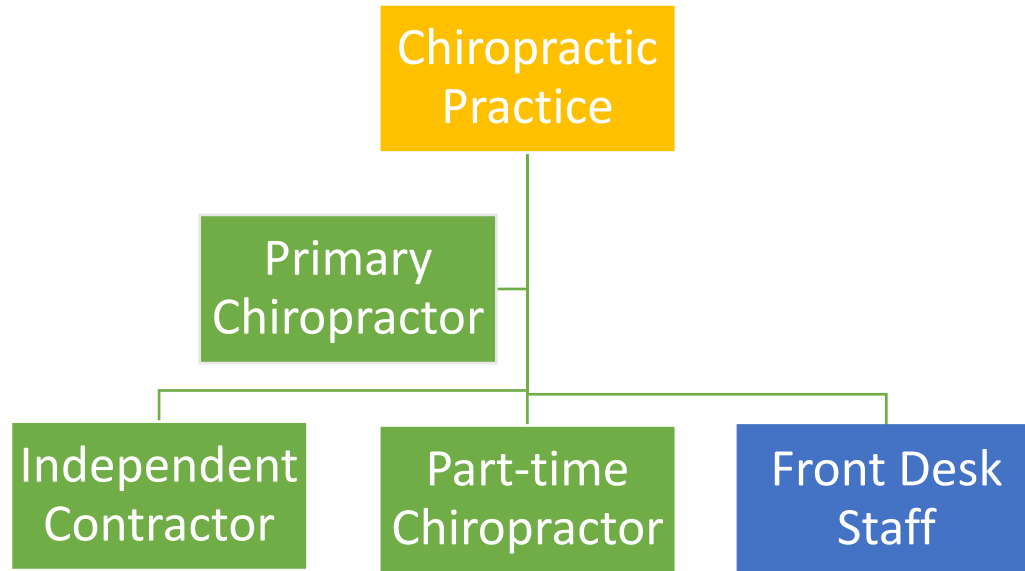
**FOR REFERENCE ONLY\*****Examples of Eligible Providers****\*Not an Exhaustive List****Eligible Providers**

- Hospitals
- Nursing Homes
- Designated and Specialized Service Agencies
- Private Non-Medical Institutions
- Primary Care & Specialty Practices
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Rural Health Clinics
- Home Health/Hospice Agencies
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Recovery Centers
- Adult Day Providers
- Independent Specialist Practices (including licensed mental health clinicians and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) providers)
- Ambulance/EMS providers
- Dental Practices
- Enhanced Residential Care (ERC) providers
- Assistive Community Care Services (ACCS) providers

**Eligible OPR Regulated Providers**

- Acupuncturists
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors
- Allied Mental Health
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Athletic Trainers
- Chiropractic
- Dental Examiners
- Dieticians
- Hearing Aid Dispensers
- Midwives
- Naturopathic Physicians
- Nursing
- Nursing Home Administrators
- Occupational Therapy
- Opticians
- Optometry
- Osteopathic Physicians
- Physical Therapists
- Psychoanalysts
- Psychological Examiners
- Radiologic Technology
- Respiratory Care Practitioners
- Social Workers
- Speech-Language Pathologists

# Who is a “Billing Provider”?



- Billing Provider (**Eligible Applicant**)
- Rendering Provider
- Other staff

The **Billing Provider** is the provider with which a health plan has contract with /or the provider that bills the individual who receives the services. The **Rendering Provider**, or non-billing provider, is the provider who performs the service.

In order to ensure there is no duplication of payments, this grant program is only open to the Billing Providers.

# Who is eligible for pre-approval?

## Peer Support and Program Pre-approval Certification

- A state-funded substance use disorder peer recovery support organization providing recovery support services directly to individuals in need.
- A state-funded mental health peer support service organization providing peer support services directly to individuals in need.
- A state-funded peer run mental health program or organization that is providing direct mental health care, services and supports.
- A self-advocacy organization for individuals with disabilities or mental health challenges providing peer support services directly to individuals in need.
- Certain other eligible providers (must submit application for pre-approval certification before beginning the application).

# Documentation Required for Grant Application

Organizations should prepare the following information before beginning the application:

1. Vermont Employer Identification Number (7-digit number used for Vermont Department of Labor filings). Providing this number is not required but helps populate some of the application required fields.
2. Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN).
3. Contact information for the individual responsible for the application.
4. All Payer Revenue
5. Gross Staff Wages
6. Total Operating Expenses
7. COVID19-related Eligible Expenses
8. Federal and State Tax Returns for 2019
9. All NPIs/Medicaid Billing Provider IDs you are applying for OR your [approved certification letter](#).

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# Resources Available to Assist

- The [DVHA Covid-19 Website](#) where you can find regular updates, as well as guidance on the Health Care Provider Stabilization Grant Program:
  - [Program Overview](#)
  - [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (this is an early release, more to come)
  - [Application Readiness and Document Uploads Guidance](#)
  - [Expenditures Guidance](#)
  - [Peer Support & Program Pre-Approval Certification](#)
  - *Coming Soon!* Revenue Changes Guide
  - *Coming Soon!* Financial Assistance to Date Guide
  - *Coming Soon!* Payment Disbursement & Auditing Guide
- Submit a question using the [Online Questions Submission Form](#)
- [Sign Up for the Listserv](#) to stay up to date on important changes and announcements