

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Medicaid Nursing Home Providers and Other Interested Persons

FROM: Lindsay Gillette, Director of Division of Rate Setting 

Date: July 20, 2020

RE: Notice of Medicaid Long-Term Care Facility Financial Relief Provisions in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

The Vermont Health Care Provider Stabilization Grant Program, announced by Governor Phil Scott on July 14, 2020, launched on Friday, July 17, 2020. This grant program utilizes the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide direct cash grants to eligible Vermont health care providers, including nursing homes, who have lost revenue and/or incurred increased expenses due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Health Care Provider Stabilization Grant Program will be the primary means going forward for seeking financial relief from COVID-19 related to lost revenue and/or increased expenses. Additional information about the Health Care Provider Stabilization Grant Program can be found on the Department of Vermont Health Access website: <https://dvha.vermont.gov/covid-19>. The grant application may be found here: <https://vermont.force.com/economicrecovery/s/hcs-register>. To ask questions about the grant application process, [use this web-based form](#).

Nursing homes facing “immediate danger of failure” may apply for standard EFR per section 10 of the *Methods, Standards and Principles for Establishing Medicaid Payment Rates for Long-Term Care Facilities, Vermont Division of Rate Setting Rules* (V.D.R.S.R.). Applications for standard EFR under Section 10 should not include COVID-19 related lost revenue or COVID-19 related costs and should be accompanied by documentation, to the extent available, demonstrating their financial need.

Thank you for your work to care for Vermonters during this unprecedented public health crisis. Please do not hesitate to contact the Division of Rate Setting with any questions at DRS@vermont.gov or (802) 241-0980.

