

Provider Relief Fund Infection Control FAQs

Nursing Home Infection Control Distribution

[What is the Nursing Home Infection Control Distribution? \(Added 8/27/2020\)](#)

Given their congregate nature and resident population of older adults – often with underlying chronic medical conditions – nursing homes are high risk environments that have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19. HHS is distributing \$5 billion to nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities to build skills and enhance response to COVID-19, including enhanced infection control. Of this amount, HHS will provide approximately \$2.5 billion in upfront funding to nursing homes to support increased testing, staffing, and personal protective equipment (PPE) needs. HHS plans on distributing another \$2 billion to nursing homes later this fall based on certain performance indicators that will be shared in the future.

[What is the funding amount for the Nursing Home Infection Control Distribution and how did HHS determine the amount? \(Added 8/27/2020\)](#)

HHS is distributing an initial \$2.5 billion of the Nursing Home Infection Control Distribution funding to support nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities in conducting appropriate testing, acquiring necessary personal protective equipment (PPE), investing in staff, to improve infection control. Eligible nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities will receive a per-facility payment of \$10,000 plus a per-bed payment of \$1,450 in the first round of this distribution.

Additionally, \$2 billion in funding will be distributed at a later time for nursing home performance in improving safety and minimizing COVID-19 spread and COVID-19 related fatalities among residents and training, mentorship, and instruction on infection prevention and control in nursing homes across the country. Please check back on [this website](#) for updates.

[Which nursing home providers received a payment under the Nursing Home Infection Control Targeted Distribution? \(Added 8/27/2020\)](#)

Nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities that are not revoked, have an active CMS certification, and have at least 6 certified beds, were deemed eligible to receive payments.

What are the permissible uses for this distribution? (Added 8/27/2020)



The Nursing Home Infection Control Distribution can only be used for the infection control expenses defined in the Terms and Conditions. These include costs associated with administering COVID-19 testing for both staff and residents; reporting COVID-19 test results to local, state, or federal governments; hiring staff to provide patient care or administrative support; incurring expenses to improve infection control, including activities such as implementing infection control “mentorship” programs with subject matter experts, or changes made to physical facilities; and providing additional services to residents, such as technology that permits residents to connect with their families if the families are not able to visit in person.

How does this distribution differ from the Skilled Nursing Facility Targeted Distribution? (Added 8/27/2020)



This distribution supplements the \$4.9 billion that was previously distributed to skilled nursing facilities. This distribution provides nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities upfront funding to address critical needs in nursing homes including hiring additional staff, implementing infection control programs, increasing testing, and providing additional services, such as technology so residents can connect with their families if they are not able to visit. Because of the limits on use of funds, the Terms and Conditions for this distribution differ from those placed on the Skilled Nursing Facility Targeted Distribution and other Targeted Distributions payments under the Provider Relief Fund. The Terms and Conditions for the Nursing Home Infection Control Distribution specifically prohibit recipients from taking any actions inconsistent with the best interests of its patients in order to increase potential future outcomes-based payments based on the recipients' successful infection control outcomes.