

**Uninsured or underinsured?** If you become ill with COVID-19, you do not have to worry about health insurance. The Federal Government is using a portion of the Federal CARES Act to reimburse providers for treating uninsured COVID-19 patients. Funding comes from the CARES Act \$100 billion emergency fund for hospitals and health care providers.

“Under the President’s direction, we will use a portion of that funding to cover providers’ costs of delivering COVID-19 care for the uninsured, sending the money to providers through the same mechanism used for testing,” Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said. “As a condition of receiving funds under this program, providers will be forbidden from balance billing the uninsured for the cost of their care. Providers will be reimbursed at Medicare rates.”

This critical funding will help ensure that our health care providers can continue to be there for everyone, while having the support and resources needed to deliver care to their patients and communities. For more information on the CARES Act, visit the [U.S. Department of Treasury Policy page](#).

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