



# South Dakota Healthcare COVID High Impact & Safety Net Programs

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

For more information, please visit us at <https://covid.sd.gov/smallbusiness-healthcare-grants.aspx>

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## State of South Dakota

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### 1. Program Eligibility

#### 1a. Who qualifies to apply for the South Dakota Healthcare COVID Safety Net and High Impact Programs?

##### • Safety Net Program

- Eligible providers must be one of the identified provider types:
  - a) A residential treatment facility for youth including group care, psychiatric residential treatment, and independent living
  - b) A senior nutrition provider
  - c) An in-home services provider for the elderly: nursing, private duty nursing, homemaker, personal care, adult companion, respite
  - d) An adult day services provider
  - e) An assistive daily living services waiver provider (ADLS)
  - f) An intellectual and developmental disabilities services provider – CHOICES Medicaid waiver (community support providers/case management providers), Family Support 360 Medicaid waiver, community training services, and intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID); or
  - g) A behavioral health provider including substance use disorder and mental health
- Eligible providers must also:
  - Be licensed or otherwise authorized by the state to provide services in South Dakota;
  - Be located in South Dakota; and
  - Provide services funded by the state through Medicaid or other federal or state funding through the Department of Corrections, Department of Social Services, or the Department of Human Services.
- \*Eligible providers consist of those provider types eligible for the previous Community Based Healthcare Provider Program, except for nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities and assisted living facilities, which are eligible for the High Impact Program.

##### • High Impact Program

- Eligible providers include acute care hospitals, nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, and assisted living facilities that:
  - Are licensed or otherwise authorized by the state to provide services in South Dakota;
  - Are located in South Dakota; and
  - Provide services in areas of the state that may be underserved or to persons who are uninsured, or vulnerable populations (i.e. elderly, disabled, children, persons with mental illness)

#### 1b. Are applicants for the High Impact Program required to provide services funded by the state through Medicaid or other programs?

- No, they are not required to provide services funded by the state. Only applicants for the Safety Net Program are required to provide services funded by the state through Medicaid or other programs.
- 1c. If I previously applied for the Community Based Healthcare Provider or Acute Care in Hospitals grant programs, can I apply for the Safety Net or High Impact Programs? If I did NOT apply previously, can I apply now?**
- Yes, you may apply in both situations. There is no relationship between the Community Based Healthcare Provider/Acute Care Programs and the Safety Net/High Impact Programs.
- 1d. Should the provider apply at the parent organization or the Tax Identification Numbers (TIN) level?**
- Applications must be submitted by TIN and not by a parent organization at the system level. As an example, if a parent organization has separate TINs engaged in multiple provider categories (e.g. nursing home and assisted living), each separate TIN should apply.
- 1e. What if my organization has multiple service types under a single TIN?**
- If an eligible provider has multiple provider types under a single TIN, then the provider is eligible to receive an award for all licensed beds and/or qualifying safety net services. As part of the application, providers will designate all service categories that apply under a Tax Identification Number (TIN).
- 1f. What if my organization has multiple service types with separate Tax Identification Numbers (TINs)?**
- Providers with multiple TINs will submit an application for the service types provided under each TIN.
  - **NOTE:** You are required to create a new username for **EACH** unique Tax ID Number (TIN)/provider entity.
- 1g. If I am a provider that doesn't meet the eligibility criteria for the Healthcare Provider Grant Program, can I apply for the Round 2 Small Business Grant Program?**
- Yes, if you meet the eligibility criteria for the Round 2 Small Business Grant Program, you are welcome to apply. The eligibility requirements for these programs can be found under the "Small Business" links on this webpage: <https://covid.sd.gov/smallbusiness-healthcare-grants.aspx>
- 1h. Are dental, eyecare and chiropractic health providers eligible to apply to the Safety Net or High Impact Grant Programs?**
- No, these health providers were not included in the list of eligible providers for either Healthcare Program. Dental, eyecare and chiropractic health professionals should apply to the Round 2 Small Business Grant Program if they meet the eligibility criteria for that program.

**2. Program Funding**

**2a. What are the total funds available per provider type?**

- The Healthcare COVID Safety Net and High Impact Grant Program has the following fund allocations:
  - *Safety Net:* \$75,000,000
  - *High Impact:* \$75,000,000

**2b. How is the grant amount to be determined?**

- **Safety Net Program**
  - The grant amount is a fixed payment that is tiered based on the revenue each provider receives for targeted services from the state annually. Eligible providers are assigned to 1 of 12 payment tiers, ranging from \$2,500 per facility to \$5 million per facility. There will be variances in the percent reimbursement depending on the facility revenue and corresponding payment tier.
  - List of Payment Tiers:

<b>Tier</b>	<b>Payment Received from the State in FY20</b>	<b>Safety Net Award Amount</b>
<b>1</b>	Under \$10,000	\$2,500
<b>2</b>	\$10,000 to \$50,000	\$5,000
<b>3</b>	\$50,000 to \$100,000	\$25,000

<b>4</b>	\$100,000 to \$250,000	\$50,000
<b>5</b>	\$250,000 to \$500,000	\$125,000
<b>6</b>	\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	\$250,000
<b>7</b>	\$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000	\$500,000
<b>8</b>	\$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>9</b>	\$5,000,000 to \$7,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>10</b>	\$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000	\$2,000,000
<b>11</b>	\$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000	\$2,500,000
<b>12</b>	Over \$15,000,000	\$5,000,000

- **High Impact Program**

- The grant amount is a per-bed payment based on the number and type of licensed beds at their facility. The per-bed payment for each group was calculated by dividing the pool of funds for that group by total licensed beds.
- As hospital-based care is more costly than a nursing home stay, and a SNF/nursing home stay more costly than assisted living care, payments per licensed bed are tiered with the highest per bed payment to hospitals, followed by nursing homes, and assisted living.
  - Hospitals: \$11,000 per bed
  - SNF/Nursing Homes: \$6,400 per bed
  - Assisted Living: \$600 per bed

### 3. **Application**

#### 3a. **When is the application for the COVID Safety Net and High Impact Programs open?**

- The application opens on December 14, 2020.

#### 3b. **What kind of information do I need for the application if I previously applied for the Community Based Healthcare Provider or Acute Care in Hospitals Programs?**

- There are no documentation submission requirements. Eligible applicants will be asked to answer a series of eligibility questions, attest to several certifications for the receipt and use of the funds, and execute a Beneficiary Agreement with the State of Dakota.

#### 3c. **What kind of information do I need for the application if I did NOT apply for the Community Based Healthcare Provider or Acute Care in Hospitals Programs?**

- Registered or legal name of provider
- All point of contact information (phone, email, physical address)
- Facility TIN number (or EIN number, if applicable)
- Bank account information for electronic payment of funds

#### 3d. **Where and how will my organization apply?**

- Applicants can complete an application online on the South Dakota COVID-19 website at <https://covid.sd.gov/smallbusiness-healthcare-grants.aspx>.

#### 3e. **If I own more than one provider type, can I apply for each?**

- Yes, if an eligible provider owns and operates more than one eligible provider type with separate TINs, then each TIN may apply. If an eligible provider operates multiple eligible provider services under one TIN, then the provider will designate all service categories that apply under the single TIN.
- **NOTE:** You are required to create a new username for **EACH** unique Tax ID Number (TIN)/provider entity
  - Multiple usernames can be created under a single email address and all correspondence will flow through that single email
  - The username must follow an email address format (\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_.com).

- For healthcare organizations with only 1 TIN/application, we recommend that you use your email address as your username for simplicity.

**3f. How will I receive information regarding my application once it is submitted?**

- Information regarding the application will be sent to the email address registered by the applicant. Applicants should ensure their email filter is not directing to a junk file or spam folder, and Applicants should regularly review their spam/junk folders to make sure they do not miss an email regarding their application.

**3g. I received two beneficiary agreements in my email inbox. Which one should I sign?**

- If you have not yet signed and submitted a beneficiary agreement and you have two beneficiary agreements sent to your email, you should only sign the most recent beneficiary agreement (sent on 12/15 or after).

**3h. I am a returning applicant, and I am not able to save my banking information in my Safety Net and/or High Impact application.**

- If you previously applied for Community Based Healthcare Provider or Acute Care in Hospital Grants, the State may have already vetted your TIN and Business information with the IRS. In this case, you cannot add or edit the banking information. Please reach out to the help line if you need assistance changing business info as a returning applicant.

**4. Award Process**

**4a. What is the award process?**

- Applications will be reviewed after they have been determined to be complete. In order to be deemed complete, the application must be submitted through the application portal with all requested documentation.
- Once the application has been initiated, the applicant will be provided with log-in credentials. The applicant may re-enter the application portal to access the application in order to complete the application and track its status once submitted.
  - **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Once you have submitted an application, do **NOT** click on the Healthcare or Small Business links, as this will return you to the new application screen. Instead, click on the “Applications” button in the top menu.
- Applicant will sign beneficiary agreement sent to the email associated with the application.
- Applicant will receive a notification indicating award approval or denial, and if approved, the dollar amount of the award.
- Awards will be issued to qualifying award beneficiaries.

**4b. Is there a minimum or maximum award?**

- **Safety Net Program**
  - Minimum Award: \$2,500 per eligible facility
  - Maximum Award: \$5,000,000 per eligible facility
- **High Impact Program**
  - Minimum Award: The minimum is based on number of eligible licensed beds per category.
  - Maximum Award: The maximum is based on number of eligible licensed beds per category.

**4c. Does the December 30<sup>th</sup> U.S. Department of Treasury deadline apply to the provider as well in terms of having the funding spent?**

- The December 30, 2020 deadline applies to the State of South Dakota’s use of the federal funds. The State’s payments are being made to providers to cover the impact to the organization due to COVID-19 during the October-December 2020 period and to ensure the provider can continue to provide essential healthcare services during and after this period in response to the pandemic. There is no specific requirement that the provider expend all funds received by December 30, 2020.

**4d. Are there reporting requirements after the grant is received?**

- There are no ongoing reporting requirements in order to receive funding. However, there is a requirement that the business be a going concern and provide services to certain underserved or vulnerable populations within the state. There is also a requirement that the business use funds to address any increased costs and/or reduced revenue it experienced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic during the October-December 2020 time period.

**4e. Will PPP loans and other Federal COVID Aid obtained prior to the application affect eligibility for an award?**

- No, it will not. This round of payments is a separate program from the Community Based Healthcare Provider, Acute Care in Hospitals, and Round 1 of the Small Business Grant Programs, which all took PPP and other federal aid into account based on requirements imposed by U.S. Treasury. This round of payments is being provided as a grant calculated by the State to ensure continued access to essential healthcare and community support services following the increase in COVID-19 cases in South Dakota during the October-December 2020 time period.'

**4f. Will an applicant's grant award from the Community Based Healthcare Provider or Acute Care in Hospitals Programs impact the award amount offered in the Safety Net or High Impact Programs?**

- No, the two programs are distinctly separate. One program will not impact the other.

**4g. How can the award money from the High Impact and Safety Net Programs be used?**

- Applicants will need to certify that they will use the funds to help offset increased costs and/or revenue loss due to COVID and to continue to deliver essential healthcare services in South Dakota.

**4h. If I have a pending application for the Community Based Provider and/or Acute Care in Hospitals Programs, should I wait to apply for the Safety Net and/or High Impact Assistance Programs?**

- No, you should not wait to apply for the High Impact and/or Safety Net Programs. The Safety Net and High Impact Programs are not contingent upon or related to prior healthcare funding opportunities.

**4i. Is there a certain time by which all Safety Net and High Impact Assistance Program funds will be disbursed?**

- The State will continue to conduct application reviews, determine final award amounts, and make payments into the new year (2021) for High Impact and Safety Net applications.

**5. Additional Support**

**5a. How can my provider organization obtain assistance for the application process?**

- There will be an initial educational webinar and question session scheduled shortly after the opening of the application period. Details will be posted at <https://covid.sd.gov/smallbusiness-healthcare-grants.aspx>.
- A call center has been established at 1-605-937-7243.
  - Hours: 8AM – 5PM CST
- Contact support via email:
  - Healthcare COVID Safety Net or High Impact: [COVID.HEALTHCAREGRANTS@state.sd.us](mailto:COVID.HEALTHCAREGRANTS@state.sd.us)
  - Small Business Round 2: [COVID.BIZGRANTS@state.sd.us](mailto:COVID.BIZGRANTS@state.sd.us)

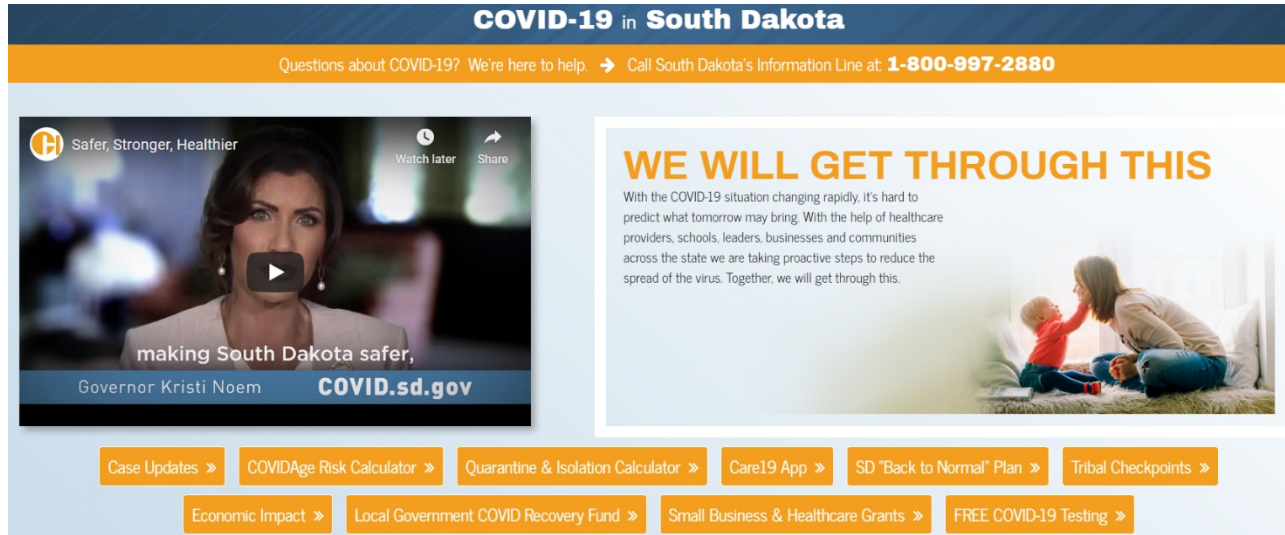
**5b. Where can I find additional information on the program?**

- <https://covid.sd.gov/smallbusiness-healthcare-grants.aspx>

**5c. If I submitted an application to a previous South Dakota Healthcare Grant Program, what do I need to do to submit a new application?**

- Please follow the instructions below. You should log in using the credentials generated when submitting your initial application and click on the button for "Healthcare Provider Assistance Application."

Step 1: Navigate to COVID.SD.GOV



Step 2: Click on "Apply Now"



Step 3: Log in with your credentials

Step 4: Click "Healthcare Provider Assistance Application"



## FAQ Change Log

Version #	Revision Date	Change Location	Description of Change
1.0.0	9 DEC 2020	N/A	Initial FAQ development
1.1.0	14 DEC 2020	Program Funding	Added payment tiers (2b)
1.1.0	14 DEC 2020	Award Process	Added award money use (4g)
1.2.0	16 DEC 2020	Application	Removed question about beneficiary name; not applicable to High Impact/Safety Net application (3f)
		Application	Added question about 2 Beneficiary Agreements (3g)
		Award Process	Added pending application question (4h)
		Application	Added question about inability to save business info (3h)
		Award Process	Added question about fund disbursement timeline (4i)
		Additional Support	Added question for returning users (5c)
		Application	Replaced "subrecipient" with "beneficiary" (3b, 4a)