 **COVID-19 Health Care Provider Financial Relief Package**

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**To support health care providers impacted by and responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Baker-Polito Administration is distributing over $800 million in critical stabilization funding to the Commonwealth’s vital providers through MassHealth.**

* This funding will support the **hospitals, nursing facilities, primary care providers, behavioral health providers, and long-term services and supports providers** who have stepped up in unprecedented ways during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
* These providers have experienced a significant impact on their revenue and operations during this time, and this funding will **provide near-term relief starting this month through July.**

**These stabilization funds include:**

* **More than $400 million to hospitals**, the majority of which will support safety net hospitals, Hospital Licensed Health Centers, and hospitals serving a higher Medicaid population, to address lost revenue and increased costs for hospitals at the front lines of treating patients with COVID-19
	+ Included in this funding is a 20% MassHealth rate increase for COVID-19 care, as well as a 7.5% across-the-board rate increase for other hospital care
* **More than $80 million for Nursing Facilities**
	+ $50 million will be dedicated funding for all nursing facilities across the state
	+ Facilities and units within nursing facilities that are designated COVID-19 sites of care will receive approximately $30 million in additional funding to support their capacity to care for COVID-19 patients
* **More than $300M for other health care providers** that are delivering medical care for COVID-19 or providing services that keep residents safe in their homes and out of the hospital, including:
	+ Over $50M for community health centers
	+ Over $100M for community behavioral health providers
	+ Approximately $30M for personal care attendants and $13M for home health agencies
	+ A $17M increase for ambulance providers
	+ A $15M increase for physicians and group practices
	+ Funding to ensure the sustainability of long-term services and supports day programs such as Adult Day Health ($42M) and Day Habilitation ($39M) programs that are no longer operating group programs but actively serving members via alternative means
* **This new funding is in addition to the $290 million in immediate cash relief and $550 million in accelerated payments to providers announced in March.**