

Compliance Today – December 2021 CARES Act updates on the provider relief funds reporting and auditing

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The past couple of columns have discussed the ever-evolving requirements for organizations that received provider relief funds (PRFs). The deadlines for using the PRFs and reporting obligations are now staggered. With the surge of COVID-19 cases across the country, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) has once again provided some relief. The original deadline for reporting on the use of Phase I funds was September 30, 2021. This has not technically changed. HHS has granted organizations an additional 60-day grace period to submit reports on the use of the Phase 1 funds.^[1] Organizations would not be considered out of compliance if their reports were submitted by November 30, 2021. Any unused funds from distributions in Phase I must be repaid by December 30, 2021. The deadline by which organizations had to use Phase I funds did not change. It was June 30, 2021.

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