

# Uninsured Care Expansion Grant Funding Scenarios

HCA would like to clarify the following and provide some specific examples and explanation for when these grant funds may be utilized.

**Service expansion:** The proviso states that the “*organization must apply for a grant and agree to not use the amounts provided in this subsection for services for which other funds are available*”. Therefore, this new funding must pay for different (expanded) services than previous funding so the organization is not paid twice for the same services. HCA defines **service expansion** as one or more of the following:

- Eligible services had been previously provided, but uncompensated. These funds reimburse the organization for *service dates not already paid for* by funds from other sources.  
E.g. Patient A has been seen for 3 years for their high blood pressure and thyroid problems. However, 60% of those visits had been written off as uncompensated care. These funds can be utilized to reimburse the organization for those visits that were previously uncompensated.
- Existing eligible services continue, but these funds pay for future *new service dates* with either existing or new clients  
E.g. Patient A has been seen for 3 years for their high blood pressure and thyroid problems. These funds can be utilized to pay for future visits for this same service for a known patient.
- New clients (previously unknown to the organization) are served  
E.g. Patient B is new to the organization and is now being seen for prolonged COVID-19 related medical problems. These funds can be utilized to pay for future visits for this service for a new patient.
- New eligible services begin  
E.g. The organization is beginning a new behavioral health service for clients with chronic medical conditions. These funds can be utilized to pay for future visits for this service for both Patient A and Patient B.

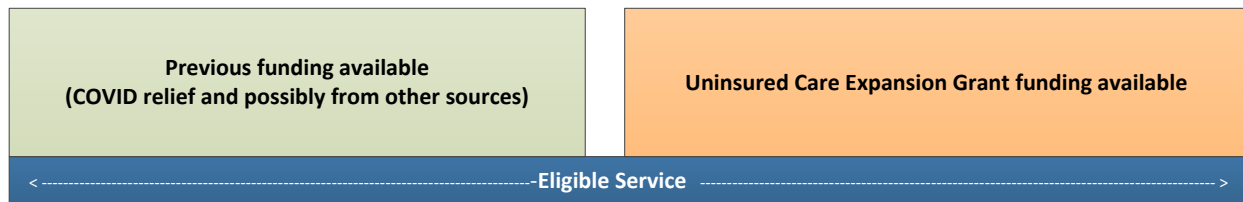
It is not required that all new or known patients/clients on the organization’s panel have to be underinsured, uninsured or earn <200% of the federal poverty level. However, clients who receive services utilizing funds from the Uninsured Care Expansion Grant must meet these criteria. The applicant should ensure grant funds are focused on this population. Some clients served may have proper immigration documentation and some may not.

The following scenarios describe various circumstances where these grant funds may be utilized.

## Organization Has Received Prior Funding For Eligible Services (COVID Relief Funds or Other)

(applicants are still eligible for these new funds)

### Scenario 1: Previous funding has been exhausted before Uninsured Care Expansion Grant funding starts.



- Can Uninsured Care Expansion Grant funding be used for eligible **prospective** expanded services for this same service or patient? **YES**

**Explanation:** The proviso states that the “organization must apply for a grant and agree to not use the amounts provided in this subsection for services for which other funds are available”. However, the patient cannot be billed for services provided with these grant funds.

**Example:** The service utilized prior funding (for COVID relief or from other sources) but that has been exhausted. HCA interprets the proviso as allowing use for future expanded services because funding from the prior source(s) is now not available.

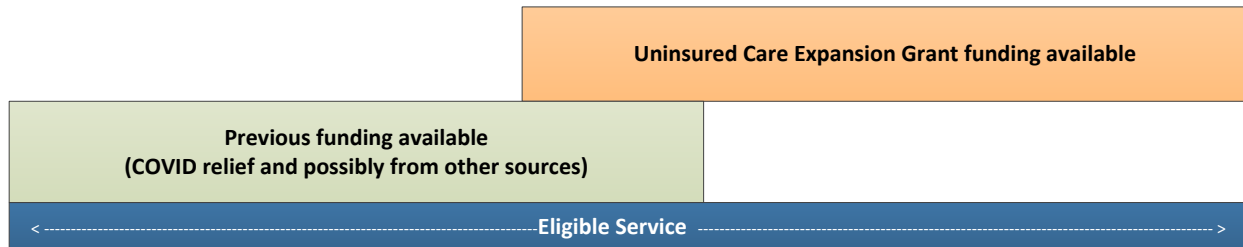
- Can Uninsured Care Expansion Grant funding be used for **retrospective reimbursement** for past uncompensated expenses for this same service or patient? **YES** (but see stipulation below)

**Explanation:** The proviso states that the “organization must apply for a grant and agree to not use the amounts provided in this subsection for services for which other funds are available”. It also states that grant recipients must not “bill individuals for any portion of the services provided” when using grant funds.

**Example:** Previous funding paid for 40% of this service. HCA interprets the proviso as meaning that funds were “not available” for 60% of past expenses for the service. Therefore, these new funds may be used for retrospective reimbursement for part or all of those 60% of prior uncompensated expenses (so long as the client does not pay for any portion). Funds may be used retrospectively for services performed on or after July 1, 2021.

- Can Uninsured Care Expansion Grant funding be used for eligible **prospective** expanded services for different services not supported by other funds? **YES** (*as long as the expanded services are eligible per the proviso*)

**Scenario 2: Previous funding has NOT been exhausted before Uninsured Care Expansion Grant funding starts.**



- Can Uninsured Care Expansion Grant funding be used for eligible **prospective** expanded services for this same service or patient? **YES**

**Explanation:** The proviso states that the “organization must apply for a grant and agree to not use the amounts provided in this subsection for services for which other funds are available”. However, the patient cannot be billed for services provided with these grant funds.

**Example:** The service utilized prior funds to pay for these services, but that has not been exhausted. HCA interprets the proviso as allowing use for future expanded services, as long as this new funding pays for different service dates/patients than what the prior funding covers before it is exhausted.

- Can Uninsured Care Expansion Grant funding be used for **retrospective reimbursement** for past uncompensated expenses for this same service or patient? **YES** (*but see stipulation below*)

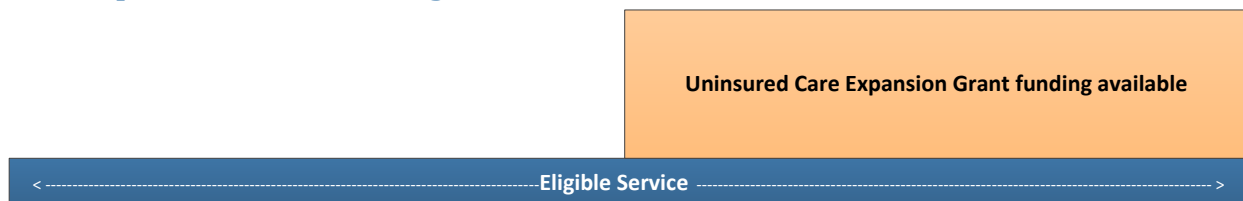
**Explanation:** The proviso states that the “organization must apply for a grant and agree to not use the amounts provided in this subsection for services for which other funds are available”. It also states that grant recipients must not “bill individuals for any portion of the services provided” when using grant funds.

**Example:** The previous available funding paid for 40% of this service. HCA interprets the proviso as meaning that these previous funds were “not available” for 60% of past expenses for the service. Therefore, these new funds may be used for retrospective reimbursement for those 60% of prior uncompensated expenses (so long as the client does not pay for any portion). Funds may be used retrospectively for services performed on or after July 1, 2021.

- Can Uninsured Care Expansion Grant funding be used for eligible **prospective** expanded services for different services not supported by other funds? **YES** (*as long as the expanded services are eligible per the proviso*)

## Organization Has NOT Received Prior Funding For Eligible Services

### Scenario 3: No funding was available for these services before the start of Uninsured Care Expansion Grant funding



- Can Uninsured Care Expansion Grant funding be used for eligible **prospective** expanded services for this same service or patient? **YES**

**Explanation:** No other funding is available. However, the patient cannot be billed for services provided with these grant funds.

**Example:** The service has been ongoing for some time and the organization plans to continue offering it. HCA interprets the proviso as allowing use for future expanded services.

- Can Uninsured Care Expansion Grant funding be used for **retrospective reimbursement** for past uncompensated expenses for this same service or patient? **YES** (*but see stipulation below*)

**Explanation:** The proviso states that the “organization must apply for a grant and agree to not use the amounts provided in this subsection for services for which other funds are available”. It also states that grant recipients must not “bill individuals for any portion of the services provided” when using grant funds.

**Example:** The service has been ongoing for some time and the organization plans to continue offering it. No previous COVID or other funding paid for this service so these new funds may be used for retrospective reimbursement for these prior uncompensated expenses (so long as the client does not pay for any portion). Funds may be used retrospectively for services performed on or after July 1, 2021.

- Can Uninsured Care Expansion Grant funding be used for eligible **prospective** expanded services for different services? **YES** (*as long as the expanded services are eligible per the proviso*)