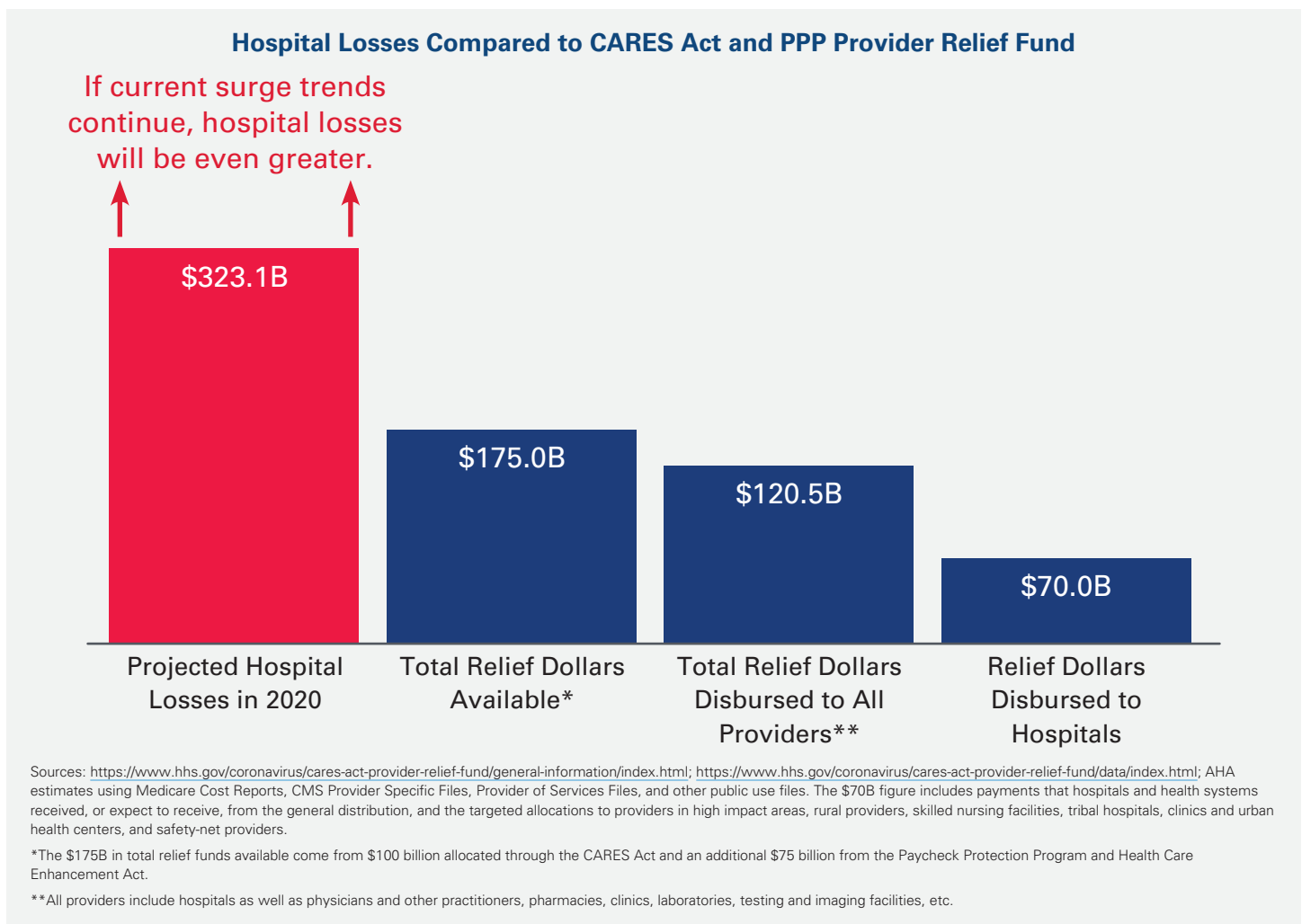


CARES Act Relief Funds Have Helped Hospitals and Health Systems, but Are Just a Fraction of Losses

The AHA estimates that U.S. hospitals and health systems will lose \$120.5 billion between July and December 2020 due to reductions in patient volumes coming to baseline levels over the next 12 months. These losses are in addition to the \$202.6 billion in financial impact the AHA estimated for hospitals between March and June 2020, bringing total losses for this calendar year to at least \$323.1 billion, not including the impact of currently increasing COVID-19 case rates. If these surge trends continue, the financial impact on hospitals and health systems could be even more significant.

Congress and the Trump Administration have worked to provide relief funds to hospitals and health systems in an effort to mitigate these financial losses. The government has allocated a total of \$175 billion in relief funds to all providers, of which \$120.5 billion has been disbursed to date. Of that money, \$70 billion has gone to hospitals. These relief funds only cover a small portion of the at least \$323.1 billion in losses hospitals will experience in 2020.



The AHA urges Congress to make available more funding to support our nation’s hospitals and health systems and preserve access to care for communities across America.