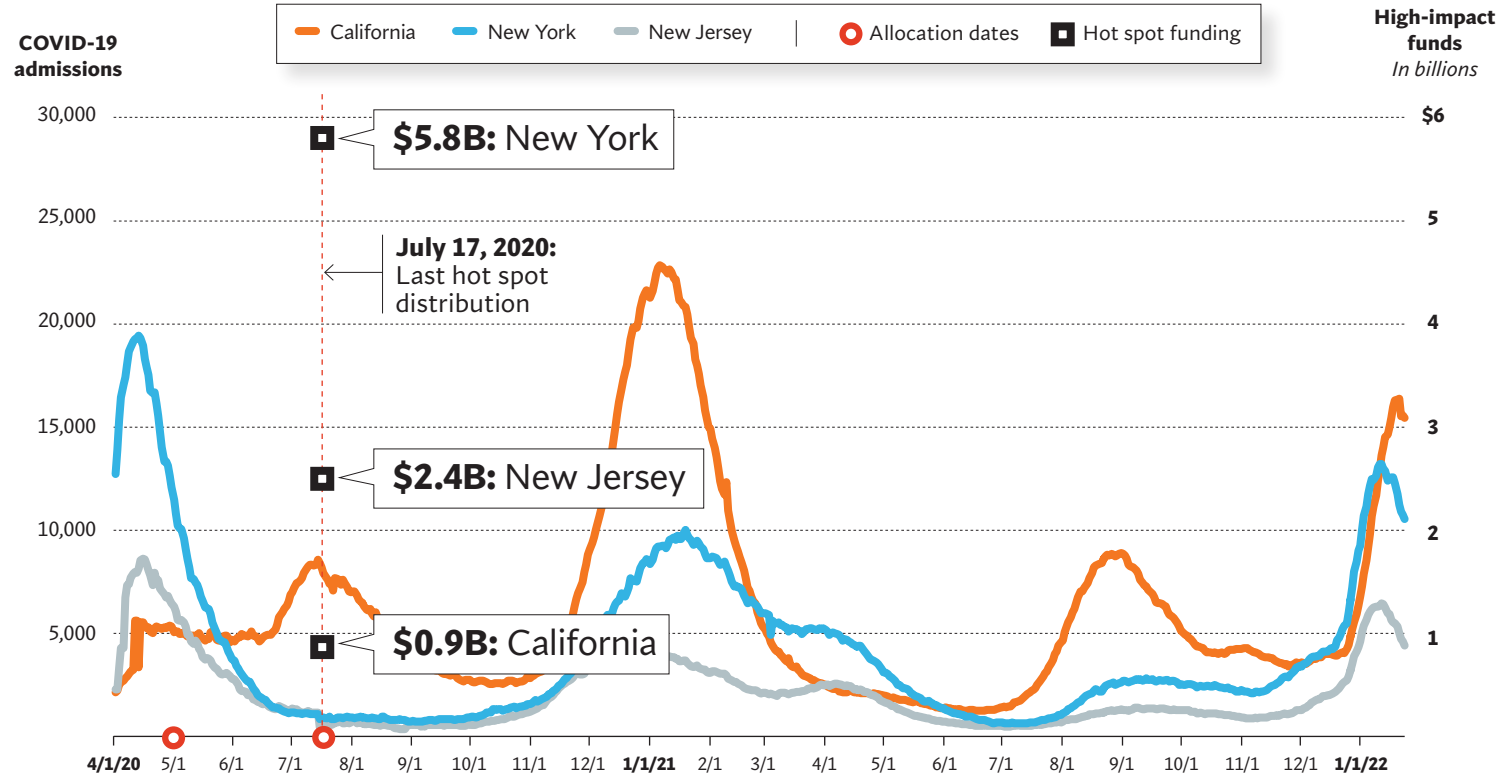


# As COVID-19 Surges in California, Federal Hot Spot Relief Continues To Fall Short

## Scant support presents challenges for the state with high hospitalizations

The federal government provided necessary Provider Relief Funds (PRF) based on the number of COVID-19 patients early in the pandemic. However, much-needed additional relief for hospitals in COVID-19 hot spots has not been issued since July 2020, disadvantaging hospitals that experienced later surges.

## COVID-19 hospitalizations compared to PRF high-impact distribution



### Hot spot funds allocations

California's hospitals experienced surges longer in duration, with more patients, but have not received the same support as states whose surges occurred earlier in the pandemic. This has been hard for California's hospitals, **40% of which already operated in the red prior to the pandemic**, as they experienced an estimated **\$16.3 billion in lost revenue in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19**. Total projected federal support covered 60% (\$9.8 billion) of the losses.