Coronavirus COVID-19 – Government Action – April 9, 2020

WHITE HOUSE
- Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing, April 7, 2020 and April 8, 2020

CONGRESS
- An effort by Senate Republicans to provide an additional $250 billion to the SBA’s Paycheck Protection Program failed after Senate Democrats objected. Republicans required unanimous consent to move forward. Democrats objected to the Senate GOP proposal because they favor a more expansive interim package.

FEDERAL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - Decontamination and Reuse of Filtering Facepiece Respirators, April 8, 2020
  - Interim Considerations for Infection Prevention and Control of COVID-19 in Inpatient Obstetric Healthcare Settings, April 8, 2020
  - Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings, April 8, 2020
  - Interim Guidance for Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19, April 8, 2020
  - Testing in the US, April 9, 2020
  - Cases in US, April 9, 2020

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
  - CMS Issues New Wave of Infection Control Guidance Based on CDC Guidelines to Protect Patients and Healthcare Workers from COVID-19, April 8, 2020
  - Non-Emergent, Elective Medical Services and Treatment Recommendations, updated April 7, 2020

- Drug Enforcement Administration
  - DEA Takes Additional Steps to Allow Increased Production of Controlled Substances Used in COVID-19 Care and Final Order, April 7, 2020

- Federal Communications Commission
  - Promoting Telehealth for Low-Income Consumers; COVID-19 Telehealth Program; Correction, scheduled for Federal Register publication on April 13, 2020
  - FCC Provides Guidance on the COVID-19 Telehealth Program Application Process, April 8, 2020

- FEMA
  - Advisory - FEMA COVID-19 Supply Chain Task Force: Supply Chain Stabilization, April 8, 2020
  - Guidance - FEMA Letter to Distributors on Delivery of Medical Supplies, April 8, 2020
  - FEMA-CBP Joint Statement on Defense Production Act for PPE, April 8, 2020

- Food and Drug Administration
  - Investigational COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma and Guidance, April 2020
  - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Daily Roundup, April 8, 2020

- National Institutes of Health
  - NIH Clinical Trial of Hydroxychloroquine Begins, April 9, 2020
Small Business Administration
- Application for Non-Bank and Non-Insured Depository Institution Lenders to Participate in Paycheck Protection Program

US Department of Health and Human Services
- HHS Awards $1.3 Billion to Health Centers in Historic US Response to COVID-19, April 8, 2020
- HHS Statements on Authorizing Licensed Pharmacists to Order and Administer COVID-19 Tests, April 8, 2020
- Guidance for Licensed Pharmacists, COVID-19 Testing, and Immunity Under PREP Act, April 8, 2020
- HHS Announces Ventilator Contract with Phillips Under Defense Production Act, April 8, 2020

Indian Health Service
- Indian Health Service Expands Telehealth Services, April 8, 2020

Office for Civil Rights
- OCR Announces Notification of Enforcement Discretion for Community-Based Testing Sites and Notification Document, April 9, 2020
- OCR Reaches Early Case Resolution with Alabama After It Removes Discriminatory Ventilator Triaging Guidelines, April 8, 2020

Office of Inspector General
- Work Plan Recently Added Items
  - CMS's Internal Controls Over Hospital Preparedness for Emerging Infectious Disease Epidemics, April 2020
  - Audit of Child Care Development Fund Childcare Services, April 2020

US Department of Labor
- Paid Leave Under Families First Coronavirus Response Act; Correction, scheduled for publication April 10, 2020

Occupational Safety & Health Administration
- US Department of Labor Reminds Employers That They Cannot Retaliate Against Workers Reporting Unsafe Conditions During Pandemic, April 8, 2020
- US Department of Labor Expands Temporary Guidance for Respirator Fit-Testing to All Industries and Enforcement Memo, April 8, 2020
- US Department of Labor Issues Alert to Keep Retail Workers Safe and Alert, April 8, 2020

US Department of the Treasury
- Treasury, Federal Reserve Board Announce New and Expanded Lending Programs to Provide up to $2.3 Trillion in Financing, April 9, 2020

STATES
- National Conference of State Legislatures
  - State Legislation Responding to COVID-19, Updated Daily
  - How States Are Leveraging Their Medicaid Programs to Respond to COVID-19, April 9, 2020
  - State Quarantine and Isolation Statutes
National Governors Association
- What Steps Have States Taken to Address Coronavirus?

ASSOCIATIONS
- America’s Health Insurance Plans
  - New Study: COVID-19 Healthcare Costs Could Reach $556 Billion Over Two Years and Report, April 8, 2020

- American College of Surgeons
  - ACS Statement on Importance of Maintaining Emergency Care System, April 7, 2020

- American Medical Association
  - COVID-19 Volunteer Guide for Healthcare Professionals, April 8, 2020