Coronavirus COVID-19 – Government Action – April 21, 2020

WHITE HOUSE

- With Excess National Supply, Exchanges Will Allow US Hospitals to Continue Meeting Ventilator Demand, April 21, 2020
- Memorandum on Providing Continued Federal Support for Governors’ Use of the National Guard to Respond to COVID-19 and to Facilitate Economic Recovery, April 20, 2020
- Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing, April 20, 2020

CONGRESS

- Phase 3.5 Stimulus. Congressional Leaders and the White House have agreed to the terms of the Phase 3.5 interim coronavirus response legislation. The deal will include an additional $310 billion for small business relief, $75 billion for hospitals and healthcare providers, and $25 billion for testing. The Senate is expected to pass the bill later today and the House appears ready to pass the legislation on Thursday.

FEDERAL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - Notice - Extension of Order Under Sections 362 and 365 of Public Health Service Act; Order Suspending Introduction of Certain Persons from Countries Where a Communicable Disease Exists, scheduled for Federal Register publication on April 22, 2020
  - Households Living in Close Quarters, April 18, 2020
  - Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases at Homeless Service Provider Sites, April 18, 2020
  - COVIDView Weekly Surveillance Summary of US COVID-19 Activity (week ending April 11, 2020), updated April 17, 2020

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
  - Trump Administration Champions Reporting of COVID-19 Clinical Trial Data Through Quality Payment Program, Announces New Clinical Trials Improvement Activity, April 20, 2020
  - New Section 1135 Waivers (Wisconsin), updated April 20, 2020
  - Archived COVID-19 Stakeholder Calls, updated through April 17, 2020

- Federal Communications Commission
  - FCC Approves Second Set of COVID-19 Telehealth Program Applications, April 21, 2020
  - Public Notice - Office of Managing Director and Wireline Competition Bureau Suspend Red Light Rule for COVID-19 Telehealth Program, April 21, 2020

- Food and Drug Administration
  - COVID-19 Update: FDA Authorizes First Test for Patient At-Home Sample Collection and EUA Letter, April 21, 2020
  - EUA Letter - Emergency Use of Facemasks, April 18, 2020
  - COVID-19 Update: Daily Roundup April 20, 2020

- Homeland Security
  - Fact Sheet: DHS Measures on Border to Limit Further Spread of COVID-19, April 21, 2020

- National Institutes of Health
  - Expert US Panel Develops NIH Treatment Guidelines for COVID-19 and Guidelines, April 21, 2020
US Department of Health and Human Services
- HHS Announces Nearly $1 Billion in CARES Act Grants to Support Older Adults and People with Disabilities During the COVID-19 Emergency, April 21, 2020
  Office of Inspector General
   - Work Plan Recently Added Items - Audit of HHS's Production and Distribution of COVID-19 Lab Test Kits, April 2020

US Department of Labor
- US Labor Department Ends Temporary Non-Enforcement of Paid Leave Protections to Help American Workers During Coronavirus Pandemic, April 20, 2020

STATES
- Ambulatory Surgery Center Association
  - State Guidance on Elective Surgeries, April 20, 2020

ASSOCIATIONS
- American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons / American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons
  - Clinical Considerations for Resuming Elective Surgery, April 21, 2020