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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
- <u>Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases at Homeless Service Provider Sites</u>, 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

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> 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 - <u>Audit of HHS's Production and Distribution of COVID-19 Lab Test Kits</u>, 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