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Coronavirus COVID-19 – Government Action – April 22, 2020

WHITE HOUSE

- Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of the Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing, [April 21, 2020](#)
- Office of Management and Budget / US Office of Personnel Management
 - [Memorandum for Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies - Aligning Federal Agency Operations with the National Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#), April 20, 2020

FEDERAL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
 - [Interim Operation Considerations for Public Health Management of Healthcare Workers Exposed to or Infected with COVID-19: Non-US Healthcare Settings](#), April 22, 2020
 - [Why Forecasting COVID-19 Deaths in the US Is Critical](#), updated April 21, 2020
 - [Testing in the US](#), updated April 22, 2020
 - [Cases in the US](#), updated April 21, 2020
- **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**
 - [COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Healthcare Providers](#) (Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs), temporary expansion locations of Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), staffing and training modifications in Intermediate Care Facilities for individuals with Intellectual disabilities, and the limit for substitute billing arrangements (locum tenens)), updated April 22, 2020
 - [Trump Administration Launches New Toolkit to Help States Navigate COVID-19 Health Workforce Challenges](#) and [Workforce Virtual Toolkit](#), April 22, 2020
 - [CMS Issues Guidance Allowing Independent Freestanding Emergency Departments to Provide Care to Medicare and Medicaid Beneficiaries During Public Health Emergency](#), April 21, 2020
 - [Announcement - CMS Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule](#), April 21, 2020
 - [CMS News Alert April 21, 2020](#)
 - [Washington COVID-19 PHE 1115\(a\) Demonstration Waiver](#) and [Approval Letter](#), April 21, 2020
- **Food and Drug Administration**
 - [Temporary Policy on Repackaging or Combining Propofol Drug Products During Public Health Emergency](#), April 2020
 - [COVID-19 Update: Daily Roundup April 21, 2020](#)
- **The Joint Commission**
 - [New Resources Added, April 22, 2020](#) (PPE - Use of Cloth Face Coverings)
- **US Department of Health and Human Services**
 - [HHS Announces Additional Allocations of CARES Act Provider Relief Fund](#), April 22, 2020
 - [HHS Awards Nearly \\$165 Million to Combat Pandemic in Rural Communities](#), April 22, 2020
 - [Statements from Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on Interoperability Flexibilities Amid Public Health Emergency](#), April 21, 2020

Office of Inspector General

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- [OIG Proposes Rule for Civil Money Penalties for Information Blocking](#) and [Proposed Rule](#), scheduled for Federal Register publication on April 24, 2020

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information

- Final Rule - [21st Century Cures Act: Interoperability, Information Blocking, and ONC Health IT Certification Program](#), scheduled for Federal Register publication on May 1, 2020

- **US Department of Homeland Security**

- [Weekly Update: DHS Response to COVID-19](#), April 21, 2020

- **US Department of Justice**

- [Justice Announces Disruption of Hundreds of Online COVID-19 Related Scams](#), April 22, 2020

- **US Department of the Treasury**

- [Treasury, IRS Announce Cross-Border Tax Guidance Related to Travel Disruptions Arising from COVID-19 Emergency](#), April 21, 2020

STATES

- **National Governors Association**

- [Roadmap to Recovery: A Public Health Guide for Governors](#), April 22, 2020

ASSOCIATIONS

- **American Hospital Association**

- [Technology for Decontamination and Reuse of N95 Respirators Update – Additional Processing Sites Coming Soon](#), April 21, 2020

- **American Medical Association**

- [Navigating Physician Employment During COVID-19](#)
- [Physician Practice Financial Relief Guide](#)