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## Coronavirus COVID 19 – Government Action – March 22, 2020

### FEDERAL AGENCIES

#### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

- [CMS Announces Relief for Clinicians, Providers, Hospitals and Facilities Participating in Quality Reporting Programs in Response to COVID-19](#), March 22, 2020 (CMS is granting exceptions from reporting requirements and extensions for clinicians and providers participating in Medicare quality reporting programs with respect to upcoming measure reporting and data submission for those programs)

#### Food and Drug Administration

- [FDA Issues First Emergency Use Authorization for Point of Care Diagnostic](#), March 21, 2020 (emergency use authorization for the [Cepheid Xpert Xpress SARS-CoV-2](#) test)
- [FDA Alerts Consumers About Unauthorized Fraudulent COVID-19 Test Kits](#), March 20, 2020

#### Internal Revenue Service

- [Notice 2020-18](#), March 21, 2020 (restates and expands upon [Notice 2020-17](#) that extends the IRS filing deadline to July 15)
- [IR-2020-57](#), March 20, 2020 (Treasury, IRS, and Labor announce plan to implement coronavirus-related paid leave for workers and tax credits for small and midsize businesses to swiftly recover the cost of providing coronavirus-related leave)

#### US Department of Homeland Security

- [Joint Statement on US-Mexico Joint Initiative to Combat the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), March 20, 2020 (the joint initiative commenced March 21 throughout the US-Mexico land border for a period of 30 days subject to extension upon review)

### STATES

- **Connecticut**
  - ["Stay at Home" Executive Order](#), March 20, 2020 (excludes any "essential business or entity" including "healthcare")
- **New Jersey**
  - ["Stay at Home" Executive Order](#), March 21, 2020 (orders the closure of all "non-essential" retail businesses; exceptions includes pharmacies and medical supply stores)
- **Texas**
  - [Office of Inspector General Extends Deadlines for Healthcare Providers](#) (OIG will not initiate new audits or inspections for 30 days effective March 19, 2020)
  - [OIG Chart: Deadline Extensions During COVID-19](#)