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## Coronavirus COVID-19 – Government Action – March 26, 2020

### CONGRESS

- The US Senate passed [H.R. 748, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act \(CARES\) Act](#), its Phase III coronavirus response and economic stimulus bill on March 25 by a 96-0 vote. The House is scheduled to consider the legislation on Friday, March 27. The CARES Act contains approximately \$2 trillion in overall spending, including over \$300 million in emergency supplemental appropriations. The bill provides for direct loans and grants for small and medium-sized businesses and industries that have experienced significant financial losses due to the unprecedented public health crisis; \$100 billion to hospitals and healthcare providers for COVID-19 related expenses and lost revenue; and direct cash payments for many Americans. It also makes many changes to labor, employee benefits, and tax policy.

### FEDERAL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS

#### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- [Comprehensive Hospital Preparedness Checklist for Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#), March 25, 2020
- [Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens from Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#), March 24 update
- [Resources for Hospitals and Healthcare Professionals Preparing for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19](#), March 25, 2020

#### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

- [CMS News Alert March 26, 2020](#)
- [New Medicaid Section 1135 Waivers](#)
  - [Kansas](#)
  - [Kentucky](#)
  - [Missouri](#)
  - [North Dakota](#)
  - [Oklahoma](#)
  - [Oregon](#)
  - [South Dakota](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness and Response for Home and Community Based \(HCBS\) 1915\(c\) Waivers](#)
- Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight
  - [Payment and Grace Period Flexibilities Associated with the COVID-19 National Emergency](#), March 24, 2020
  - [FAQs on Availability and Usage of Telehealth Services Through Private Health Insurance Coverage in Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#), March 24, 2020
  - [FAQs on Prescription Drugs and the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) for Issuers Offering Health Insurance Coverage in the Individual and Small Group Markets](#), March 24, 2020

#### Food and Drug Administration

- [Enforcement Policy for Face Masks and Respirators During the Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Public Health Emergency](#), March 2020
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: Daily Roundup](#), March 25, 2020

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## US Department of Health and Human Services

- [Notice of Designation of Scarce Materials or Threatened Materials Subject to COVID-19](#), scheduled for publication in the Federal Register on March 30, 2020

## US Department of Labor

- [COVID-19 and the American Workplace](#)
  - Families First Coronavirus Response Act
    - [Fact Sheet - Employee Paid Leave Rights](#)
    - [Fact Sheet - Employer Paid Leave Requirements](#)
    - [Questions and Answers](#)
- [COVID-19 and the Fair Labor and Standards Act](#)
- [COVID-19 and the Family Leave Act](#)

## THE JOINT COMMISSION

- [Personal Protective Equipment - Mask Considerations When Caring for Known or Suspected COVID-19 Patients](#), March 24, 2020
- [Emergency Management - Duration for Continuing Disaster Privileges](#), March 24, 2020
- [Personal Protective Equipment - Conserving Facemasks and Respirators During a Critical Shortage](#), March 24, 2020

## STATES

- **Orders: Stay at Home / Closure of Non-Essential Businesses**
  - Colorado [Twitter Announcement](#)
  - Idaho [Proclamation](#) and [Press Release](#)
  - Maine [Proclamation](#)
  - Oklahoma [Proclamation](#)
  - Vermont [Executive Order](#)
- **Texas**
  - [Executive Order](#), March 24, 2020 (regarding hospital bed capacity reporting)
  - [Texas State Board of Pharmacy](#), March 23, 2020 (regarding DEA Call Center)