

TODAY IN WASHINGTON - APRIL 30, 2020: COVID-19 UPDATES

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 RECAP

Note - We believe this is the most up-to-date information available at this time, but it is subject to change as circumstances warrant. Also, all finalized resources can be found on the [COVID-19 Resource Center page of Hall Render's website](#).

CMS ISSUES ADDITIONAL COVID-19 WAIVERS AND RULE CHANGES

- CMS **announced** additional regulatory waivers and rule changes to expand telehealth in Medicare, hospital capacity, health care workforce and diagnostic testing for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

FROM THE FDA

- The FDA issued a **ventilator emergency use authorization (EUA)** for a ventilator developed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which is tailored to treat patients with COVID-19.
- The FDA issued **guidance** highlighting flexibility under the Drug Supply Chain Security Act.

CMS ANNOUNCES INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON NURSING HOME QUALITY SAFETY

- CMS **announced** a new independent Commission that will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the nursing home response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FEDERAL RESERVE EXPANDS MAIN STREET LENDING PROGRAM SCOPE AND ELIGIBILITY

- The Federal Reserve Board **expanded** eligibility and scope for the Main Street Lending Program. Changes to the Main Street lending program include eligibility for businesses with up to 15,000 employees or \$5 billion in annual revenue and reducing the minimum loan size for two of the program's loan options to \$500,000.

HHS AWARDS \$20 MILLION FOR TELEHEALTH ACCESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- The Health Resources and Services Administration **awarded** \$20 million to increase telehealth access and infrastructure, focusing on increasing capability, capacity, access to telehealth and assisting providers with cross-state licensure.

CONGRESSIONAL OUTLOOK

- The Senate resumes its work on Monday while the House remains in recess as its leadership determines when to gavel back into session. There are no votes on coronavirus-related legislation expected next week.

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