

TODAY IN WASHINGTON - MAY 1, 2020: COVID-19 UPDATES

FRIDAY, MAY 1 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](#).

HHS BEGINS DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS TO HIGH COVID-19 ADMISSIONS HOSPITALS AND RURAL PROVIDERS

- HHS **announced** it is processing payments today to hospitals with large numbers of COVID-19 inpatient admissions through April 10, 2020 and to rural providers from the Provider Relief Fund.

HRSA ISSUES COVID-19 UNINSURED PROGRAM PORTAL RESOURCES

- The Health Resources and Services Administration ("HRSA") issued new resources on the [Uninsured Program Portal's website](#).
- Resources include:
 - [Interactive User Guide](#)
 - [Provider Checklist for Claims Reimbursement](#)
 - [Guide on Optum Pay Direct Deposit Enrollment](#)
 - [Alternative Payment Routing Options](#)

FROM THE FDA

- The FDA **issued an emergency use authorization** for the investigational antiviral drug remdesivir for the treatment of suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 in adults and children hospitalized with severe disease.

CDC CREATES COVID-19 TOOLS FOR HOSPITAL INFORMATION

- The CDC launched a [COVID-19 Module, the National Healthcare Safety Network](#), which is a data dashboard of information collected such as inpatient and intensive care unit bed occupation of participating hospitals.

CONGRESSIONAL OUTLOOK

- The Senate will resume its session on Monday and the House remains in recess until an unknown date. There are no coronavirus-related bills to be voted on next week.

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