TODAY IN WASHINGTON – JUNE 18, 2020: COVID-19 UPDATES

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 UPDATE

Note – Our Federal Advocacy Team is dedicated to providing frequent COVID-19 updates as they develop. We believe this is the most up-to-date information available at this time. These updates along with other resources can be found on the COVID-19 Resource Center page of Hall Render's website.

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CONGRESSIONAL OUTLOOK

- Yesterday, the Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions Committee held a hearing to consider which telehealth expansion provisions should be continued once the coronavirus public health emergency ends. Most agreement was reached over continuing to pay doctors for telehealth visits regardless of the patient's location and keeping the new types of covered services eligible for reimbursement. Although the cost of expanding telehealth has always been the biggest hurdle for Congress, the committee's chairman, Sen. Lamar Alexander, indicated that coronavirus expansions provisions could be included in health care-related legislation that will come up later this year.

DOL ISSUES OSHA GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYERS ON RE-OPENING NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

- The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued guidance to assist employers re-opening non-essential businesses.

HHS AWARDS FUNDS TO TRAIN HEALTH WORKFORCE

- The Health Resources and Services Administration announced the distribution of $107.2 million to 310 recipients to increase the health workforce in rural and underserved communities.

FROM THE FDA

- The FDA posted a new web page: Adverse Event Reporting for Medical Devices Under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) or Discussed in COVID-19-Related Guidance Documents.
- The FDA announced they will hold a webinar on "Importing Respirators for Health Care Personnel Use during COVID-19 Pandemic." The webinar will be **Tuesday, June 23 at 12:00 PM EDT**.
- The FDA published: Statistical Considerations for Clinical Trials During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Guidance for Industry.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on how our Federal Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy team can help your organization lobby Congress to include beneficial provisions in future legislation, track the course of other legislation, receive up-to-the-minute information on regulations and agency guidance or even get a simple question answered by an agency employee, please contact:

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