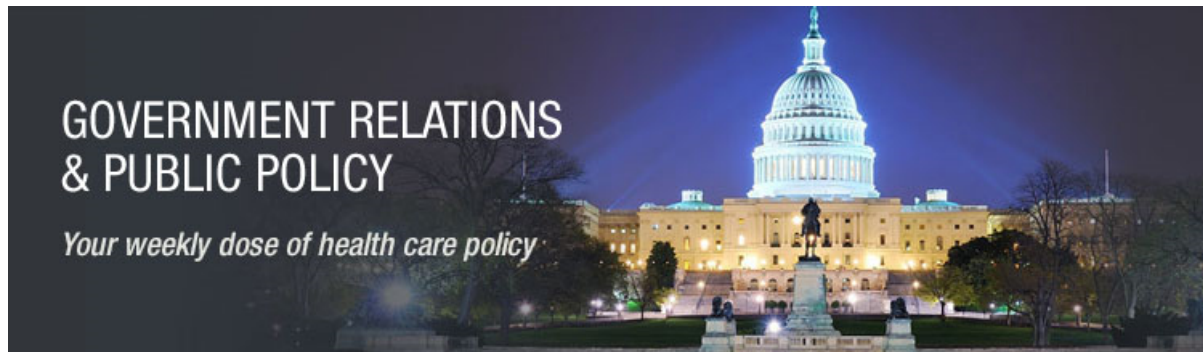


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COVID-19 Resources

Upcoming HLB Webinars

COVID-19 Financial Relief for Providers: CARES Act Provider Relief Fund, Uninsured Program, and Coverage Issues
June 9, 2020 at 1:00PM ET [Register Here](#)

[Slides and Recordings of Previous Webinars](#)

CONGRESSIONAL

Congress Passes Paycheck Protection Updates

On Wednesday, the Senate passed the [Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act of 2020 \(H.R. 7010\)](#) by voice vote. The House passed the bill last week by a vote of 417-1. The legislation extends the 8-week forgiveness period for the Paycheck Protection Payment (PPP) loan to 24 weeks and would require loan recipients to spend 60% of loan proceeds (rather than 75%) on payroll. The bill will now be sent to the President for his signature. Meanwhile, Congress is still grappling with negotiating the next round of COVID-19 stimulus funding.

Administration

CMS Announces CMMI Payment Model Flexibilities

On Wednesday, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

QUALITY PAYMENT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Clinicians may now [earn credit](#) in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) for participation in a clinical trial and reporting clinical information by attesting to the new COVID-19 Clinical Trials improvement activity.

UPCOMING HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES ON THE HILL

House Committee on Appropriations

6/11 at 1:00pm: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee [hearing](#) on Indian Health Service COVID-19 Response

House Committee on Veterans Affairs

6/11 at 2:00pm: Full Committee [Hearing](#) on Assessing VA's Response to the COVID-19

Innovation (CMMI) [announced](#) and provided a [table](#) describing methodology changes, quality reporting changes, and model timeline changes that have been made to certain alternative payment models to address the COVID-19 public health emergency. Specific information regarding the implementation of these changes is forthcoming to model participants and CMS has also noted the potential for further adjustments as needed.

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