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COVID-19 Resources

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Congressional

Congresses Passes PPP Extension

On July 1, the House of Representatives passed [legislation \(S. 4116\)](#) by unanimous consent to extend the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) application deadline from June 30 until August 8. The legislation passed the Senate earlier this week and now heads to the President's desk to be signed. Approximately \$130 billion remains available in the PPP program.

Administration

CMS Releases COVID-19 Data

On June 22, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a call to action on value-based care based on new [data](#) detailing COVID-19 [impacts](#) on Medicare Beneficiaries. Moving forward, the data will be updated monthly.

Direct Contracting Model Resources Released

QUALITY PAYMENT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Clinicians significantly impacted by the public health emergency may submit an Extreme & Uncontrollable Circumstances [Application](#) to reweight any or all of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) performance categories. The PY 2020 is currently open and will close December 31, 2020.

UPCOMING HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES ON THE HILL

Energy and Commerce Committee

7/8 at 11:00: Full Committee remote [hearing](#) on Addressing the Urgent Needs of our Tribal Communities.

7/9 at 12:00: Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee remote

On June 25, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) released new [resources](#) for the Direct Contracting Model including an Frequently Asked Questions, model timeline, as well as a guide to assist in completing the application for the Professional and Global Options.

[hearing](#) titled, "Consumers Beware: Increased Risks During the COVID-19 Pandemic".

CMS Releases Home Health Proposed Rule

On June 25, CMS released its CY 2021 Home Health Prospective Payment System proposed rule which includes a 2.6 percent update in payment, updates to the home infusion benefit, and a permanent extension of telehealth flexibilities. Comments are due by August 31.

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