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## CONGRESSIONAL

### **Congress Passes Coronavirus Funding Package**

Earlier today, the President signed the [Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act \(H.R. 6074\)](#), legislation providing \$8.3 billion in emergency funding to federal agencies to manage coronavirus (COVID-19) cases around the country. In addition, the legislation allows HHS to temporarily waive certain Medicare restrictions and requirements regarding telehealth services during the coronavirus public health emergency.

## Administration

### **HHS Provides Guidance and Coding for Coronavirus**

Over the past week, several government agencies have put out guidance for the public and health care providers pertaining to the Coronavirus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a whole [site](#) dedicated to COVID-19 which includes section for [health care professionals](#). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has also provided the following specific guidance for various facilities and labs, billing & coding information and survey and certification guidance:

**Clinical & technical guidance:**

## MACRA HIGHLIGHTS

Make sure to review the [Quality Payment Program 2019 Data Submission User Guide!](#)

## HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES ON THE HILL

There are no current hearings scheduled for next week.

## Weekly Trivia

**Who was the first Congresswoman to give birth and be granted maternity leave while serving in Congress?**

Click [here](#) for the answer!

For health care facilities

- [Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) in nursing homes](#)
- [Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention Concerning Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\): FAQs and Considerations for Patient Triage, Placement and Hospital Discharge](#)
- [Information for Healthcare Facilities Concerning 2019 Novel Coronavirus Illness \(2019-nCoV\)](#)

For labs

- [Notification to Surveyors of the Authorization for Emergency Use of the CDC 2019-Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel Assay and Guidance for Authorized Laboratories](#)

**Billing & coding guidance:**

- Fact sheet: [Medicare Coverage and Payment Related to COVID-19 \(PDF\)](#)
- Fact sheet: [Medicaid and CHIP Coverage and Payment Related to COVID-19 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID-19: New ICD-10-CM Code and Interim Coding Guidance](#)

**Survey & certification guidance:**

- [Suspension of Survey Activities](#)

**Coverage guidance:**

- Fact sheet: [Medicare Coverage and Payment Related to COVID-19 \(PDF\)](#)
- Fact sheet: [Medicaid and CHIP Coverage and Payment Related to COVID-19 \(PDF\)](#)
- Fact sheet: [Individual and Small Group Market Insurance Coverage \(PDF\)](#)

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