

**EDITION:** March 13, 2020



## COVID-19 Resources

HLB has created a [resource page](#) which will continue to be updated with helpful resources and CMS guidance as it becomes available. In addition, HLB has prepared the following articles providing additional details:

- [CMS Issues EMTALA Guidance for Hospitals Facing Influx of Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Novel Coronavirus \(3/13/20\)](#)
- [Congress Enables HHS to Relax Telehealth Restrictions to Help Fight COVID-19 \(3/11/20\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Response: HLB Resource Page, California State of Emergency and Guidance, and CMS Survey Guidance \(3/9/20\)](#)

## Administration

### HHS Releases Interoperability Regulations

On March 9, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released two final rules on Interoperability. The first, through the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), the [Interoperability and Patient Access Rule](#) addresses information blocking and updates the ONC Health IT Certification Program. The [second](#), through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), will

## MACRA HIGHLIGHTS

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

## HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES ON THE HILL

The House will be in Recess next week. The Senate will remain in session until COVID-19 legislation is passed. The Congressional calendar continues to change as these issues evolve.

## Weekly Trivia

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

Click [here](#) for the answer!

[require](#) all CMS Payers to provide patients easy access to their claims and certain clinical information through third-party applications.

### **Part D Insulin Model Announced**

On March 11, CMS [announced](#) its Part D Senior Savings Model, a voluntary model that enables participating Part D enhanced plans to lower out-of-pocket costs for insulin to a maximum \$35 copay per thirty-day supply throughout the benefit year. Part D sponsors may [submit](#) a letter of intent by April 10, 2020 and must apply by May 1, 2020 to participate in the model.

### **Direct Contracting Model Timeline Released**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) have provided a [timeline calendar](#) for the Key Dates for the Direct Contracting Model Global and Professional Options.

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