



### **Health Care Coronavirus Response**

#### **Providing Relief to Hospitals and Health Care Providers**

- Includes \$100 billion in the Public Health and Social Services Emergency fund for hospitals and health care providers to support coronavirus response activities and address lost revenue.
- Temporarily suspends the 2 percent Medicare sequester to boost reimbursement for hospitals, nursing homes, home health and other care and delays disproportionate share hospital (DSH) cuts through November 30, 2020.
- Extends an existing Medicare accelerated payment program to ensure rural and frontier facilities have access to stable cash flow to support needed supplies and workforce.
- Includes a 20 percent add-on payment for hospital inpatient treatment of coronavirus.
- Extends funding for community health centers through November 30, 2020, and provides \$1.3 billion in further supplemental funding.
- Extends Medicare reimbursement relief for durable medical equipment providers, whose products patients rely on to transition from hospital to home.

#### **Expanding Access to Telehealth to Protect Patients and Health Care Workers**

- Eliminates restrictions included in first coronavirus response legislation to allow more providers to bill Medicare for telehealth during the coronavirus emergency.
- Allows community health centers and rural health clinics to serve as distant site providers under Medicare during the coronavirus emergency.
- Allows the use of telehealth under Medicare to fulfill required home dialysis provider consultations during the coronavirus emergency.
- Directs Medicare to issue guidance on how telehealth and remote patient monitoring can be used for home health during the coronavirus emergency.
- Permits the use of telehealth to recertify Medicare hospice eligibility during the coronavirus emergency.
- Advances the principles of value-based insurance design by allowing pre-deductible coverage of telehealth services for patients who have high-deductible health plans.
- Reauthorizes HRSA grant programs that promote telehealth.

#### **Ensuring Health Care Workers Have Needed Resources**

- Provides \$16 billion to the Strategic National Stockpile for the procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators, and medical supplies for response efforts.
- Provides \$4.3 billion to the CDC to fund public health care providers, as well as to support the build-out of diagnostic, laboratory, and data infrastructure capabilities.
- Provides \$11 billion to address vaccine, therapeutic, and diagnostic needs, as well as \$945.5 million to the NIH for research into these areas.
- Treats respiratory protective devices as covered countermeasures under the PREP Act to incentivize production and distribution.