



## Health Policy Briefing

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### House Expected to Release CARES 2 Package This Week

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) is working to ensure that the next coronavirus stimulus package originates in the House in an effort to give Democrats the upper hand in negotiations with the GOP-controlled Senate. The full House Democratic proposal is expected to be released in the coming days with a vote occurring shortly thereafter. The plan will likely include additional state and local aid, with funding for counties determined based on population. The bill is also expected to include funds for testing and facilitating reopening of the economy and more cash payments to individuals. Speaker Pelosi has argued against President Trump’s demands for capital gains and payroll tax cuts in the next bill.

Democrats are also contemplating several changes to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program. The possible revamp would not only provide more funding for both programs, but would also likely set aside PPP money specifically for businesses with 25 or fewer employees and for nonprofits, increase flexibility around requirements for how and when PPP loans are spent, and lengthen the loan forgiveness period. A proposal from Reps. Jimmy Panetta (D-Calif.) and Don Beyer (D-Va.), which could be included, would prohibit publicly traded companies from receiving aid and provide banks with increased processing fees for handling small loans. Lawmakers are also debating the inclusion of measures to ensure the affordability of future treatments and vaccines for the virus. Others are pushing for more funding for contact tracing programs and COVID-19 surveillance, increased oversight of nursing homes, subsidizing health insurance premiums under COBRA, and isolation programs for people who have tested positive for the virus.

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### ***Senate at Odds on Testing of Lawmakers***

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee Chair Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) argued last week that there is not nearly enough coronavirus testing occurring to safely reopen the nation. His remarks were made during a congressional hearing on efforts that aim to launch new point-of-care testing technology by the end of the summer. Several senior Senate Republicans, including Alexander, broke with Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) last week about testing for members of Congress. Sens. Alexander, Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), and Jon Tester (D-Mont.) asked congressional leadership to rethink their decision to decline an offer from the White House to supply rapid COVID-19 tests for members of Congress. They assert that lawmakers are at a higher risk of contracting and spreading the virus as they travel to and from Washington, D.C. each week. The Senate reconvened last week, mostly for the purposes of considering presidential nominees. The House of Representatives is expected to come back in session as early as this week, as soon as the next coronavirus response legislation is ready for consideration.

### ***Key Administration Officials to Self-Quarantine***

Several administration officials have made the decision to quarantine themselves after coming into contact with someone who has tested positive for the coronavirus. Commissioner of Food and Drugs Stephen Hahn, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Robert Redfield, and National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Director Anthony Fauci have begun partial or full self-quarantine for two weeks. While the administration has not identified any of the infected persons, the officials' decisions follow the announcement that Vice President Pence's press secretary as well as a valet to President Trump have tested positive.

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee Chair Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) also announced plans to self-quarantine in Tennessee for two weeks after one of his staff members tested positive. The panel has a hearing titled "COVID-19: Safely Getting Back to Work and Back to School" scheduled for May 12. Alexander will chair the hearing via video conference, with Fauci, Redfield, and Hahn providing testimony remotely instead of appearing in person.

### ***Giroir to Joint WHO Executive Board***

Dr. Brett Giroir, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Assistant Secretary For Health and the nation's COVID-19 testing coordinator, was confirmed by the Senate last week to join the World Health Organization (WHO) executive board. Giroir will continue in his job at HHS while serving on the executive board, which is comprised of 34 individuals sent by WHO member countries. The board advises on and implements WHO policies. Giroir will replace former Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Thomas Frieden, who was nominated by President Obama. Giroir's nomination was approved by voice vote.

### ***Lawmakers Request More Funding for AHRQ***

Rep. Don Beyer (D-Va.) and Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) have spearheaded letters to congressional leaders asking that \$71 million in funding be included in the next coronavirus relief package for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). The lawmakers argue that the additional money would allow the agency to evaluate the nation's response to the current pandemic and improve preparedness for future public health crises. The letter to House leadership can be found [here](#) and the letter to Senate leadership can be found [here](#).

### ***Bipartisan Senate Request for Researcher Aid***

Sens. Edward Markey (D-Mass.) and Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) are [asking](#) Senate leadership to include aid for the scientific research workforce in the next round of stimulus funding. Their proposal would provide \$26 billion in funding to supplement research grants and contracts, provide emergency relief, and fund additional graduate student and post doc opportunities for up to two years in an effort to support researchers whose work has been slowed down or stopped due to the pandemic. Their letter follows a similar request from Reps. Diana DeGette (D-Colo.) and Fred Upton (R-Mich.) to House leadership.

### ***Lawmakers Push for Federal Medical Supply Manufacturing***

Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.) and Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) are [urging](#) the Trump administration to increase public manufacturing of medical products to support the nation's coronavirus response. The lawmakers note that existing manufacturing facilities run by the federal government were used to combat both Ebola and Zika during the prior administration. They request information about the status of Centers for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing (CIADM) facilities and other federal government manufacturing efforts.

### ***Burgess Urges Hearing on Strategic National Stockpile***

Rep. Michael Burgess, MD (R-Tex.), Ranking Republican of the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee sent a [letter](#) to Health Subcommittee Chair Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) urging her to schedule a hearing on the federal government's supply of medical countermeasures for public health emergencies, the Strategic National Stockpile. Rep. Burgess stated that "it is Congress' duty to conduct oversight and improve this important national resource that has been stretched to the limits during the COVID-19 pandemic."

### ***Lawmakers Question Remdesivir Supply Chain***

A group of House Democrats have sent a [letter](#) to Gilead about the company's plans to secure its remdesivir supply chain. The anti-viral medication is currently being studied to treat COVID-19. The letter requests details about taxpayer investment into the drug and about its pricing.

### ***Dems Submit Opening Briefs to Supreme Court in ACA Case***

Opening briefs have been submitted to the Supreme Court in a case that will determine the fate of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) this fall. Briefs from a coalition of Democratic states and the Democratic-led House each stressed the importance of the law in light of the nation's current public health emergency. A federal appeals court struck down the ACA's individual mandate last year, while skirting the question of the law's overall constitutionality. The decision kept the ACA in effect for the time being, while remanding the case back to a federal judge in Texas to determine how much of the rest of the law, if any, is also unconstitutional. In March, the Supreme Court agreed to rule on the ACA's constitutionality. The coalition of Republican-led states and the Department of Justice (DOJ) have until June 25 to file their opening briefs in the case. The Supreme Court is expected to hear arguments during its next term, which begins in October.

### ***Senate Democrats Call for National Testing Plan***

Senate Democrats are [calling](#) on the Trump administration to implement a national coronavirus testing plan, arguing that the White House's current testing blueprint is insufficient. The lawmakers stress the need for increased testing capacity, increased lab capacity, and a sufficient public health workforce so that physical distancing restrictions can be eased and so that every person who needs a test can get one. They call for the development of a comprehensive national strategic plan of action by May 24th to ensure that states have sufficient access to testing to begin to safely reopen.

### ***New COVID-19 Resource from House Committees***

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) has launched a website to share information related to the work being performed by House committees in response to COVID-19. The new website, [www.MajorityLeader.gov/CommitteeAction](http://www.MajorityLeader.gov/CommitteeAction), highlights all of the actions taken by House committees since the start of the pandemic as well as additional resources related to the virus that the public may find helpful. Leader Hoyer stresses that the House will continue to hold briefings and forums using videoconferencing and teleconference technology to conduct oversight and ensure transparency and accountability on the part of the Trump administration.

### ***McCarthy Selects Oversight, China Task Force Members***

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) announced the GOP lawmakers who have been selected to serve on the Coronavirus Oversight Committee. The Republican members will be led by Minority Whip Steve Scalise (La.). Reps. Jim Jordan (Ohio), Blaine Luetkemeyer (Mo.), Jackie Walorski (Ind.), and Mark Green (Tenn.) will also serve on the committee. Leader McCarthy stressed that Republicans will push back against any attempts by Democrats to use the oversight panel to attempt "Impeachment 2.0."

McCarthy also announced appointments for the Republican China Task Force, which has been charged with working across congressional committees on policies regarding U.S. domestic competitiveness in relation to China, with the goal of drafting a report with policy recommendations by October. The group will be led by Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Member Michael McCaul (Texas) and consist of House Republican Conference Chairwoman Liz Cheney (Wyo.) and Reps. Jim Banks (Ind.), Andy Barr (Ky.), John Curtis (Utah), Mike Gallagher (Wis.), Anthony Gonzalez (Ohio), John Joyce (Pa.), Adam Kinzinger (Ill.), Darin LaHood (Ill.), Guy Reschenthaler (Pa.), Denver Riggleman (Va.), Elise Stefanik (N.Y.), Chris Stewart (Utah) and Mike Waltz (Fla.). McCarthy stated that he has invited Democrats to participate on the minority panel as well.

### ***SBA Releases Details on Second Round of PPP***

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has released a [report](#) on the second round of funding disbursed by the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). A total of 2.2 million loans exceeding \$175 billion have been made with an average loan size of \$79,000. Nearly \$500,000 in loans have been made by lenders with less than \$1 billion in assets, and \$850,000 in loans have been made by lenders with \$10 billion in assets or less.

### ***HHS Launches Initiative on COVID-19 Disparities***

The HHS Office of Minority Health has announced a new effort to develop and coordinate work to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on racial and ethnic minorities. The National Infrastructure for Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 within Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities Initiative is now accepting applications for a funding opportunity for public and community-based organizations to disseminate COVID-19-related information and effective response, recovery, and resilience strategies, and to ensure service linkages for racial and ethnic minority, rural and disadvantaged communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Current data suggests that racial and ethnic minority populations are experiencing a disproportionate impact and worse health outcomes from COVID-19.

## ***Hospitals Report Significant Losses During COVID-19 Pandemic***

A new Crowe LLP [report](#) shows that average patient volume at hospitals with more than 100 beds declined by 56 percent from March to mid-April. The analysis indicates that such hospitals (outside of New York City and San Francisco) have experienced a \$1.4 billion loss in net revenue per day due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Since January 2020, these hospitals have seen a 30 percent decline in inpatient admissions, a 40 percent decline in emergency room visits, a 47 percent decline in observation services, a 62 percent decline in outpatient ancillary services, and a 71 percent decline in outpatient surgery volume. The report estimates that the average hospital will need to operate at 110 percent of previous capacity for six months straight to recoup revenues lost as a result of the coronavirus. The American Hospital Association (AHA) released a similar [report](#) last week, estimating that health care facilities will lose \$202.6 billion between March and June. Cancelled surgeries account for the majority of lost revenue. AHA is asking Congress to pass additional relief for the industry and to assist with coverage of uninsured individuals.

## ***Hart Health Strategies COVID-19 Resources***

Hart Health Strategies Inc. prepared a new resource on [Re-Opening America](#). In addition, the following resources related to the coronavirus pandemic continue to be updated and posted at the links below. Please remember to clear your cache to ensure you download the most recent documents.

- [COVID-19 Testing](#)
- [Disaster Primer](#)
- [Federal Relief Overview](#)
- [Health Care Workers on the Front Lines](#)
- [Hospice and Palliative Care](#)
- [Nursing Resources](#)
- [Personal Protective Equipment](#)
- [Physician Provisions](#)
- [Re-Opening America](#)
- [Small Business Resources](#)
- [Small Business - Paycheck Protection Program](#)
- [Small Business – PPP FAQ](#)
- [State Resources](#)
- [Tax Provisions](#)
- [Telehealth Overview](#)
- [Timeline for Implementation](#)

## ***Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Markups***

***Senate HELP Committee hearing “COVID-19: Safely Getting Back to Work and Back to School;” 10:00 a.m., 106 Dirksen Bldg.; May 12***

***Senate Judiciary Committee hearing “Examining Liability During the COVID-19 Pandemic;” 2:30 p.m., G50 Dirksen Bldg.; May 12***

***House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health hearing “Protecting Scientific Integrity in the COVID-19 Response;” 10:00 a.m., 2123 Rayburn Bldg.; May 14***

Recently Introduced Health Legislation

*H.R.6649 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for cost-spreading for certain fills and refills of drugs under part D of the Medicare program during the COVID-19 emergency; Sponsor: Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.R.6650 — To address health workforce shortages and disparities highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic through additional funding for the National Health Service Corps and Nurse Corps; Sponsor: Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Budget*

*H.R.6653 — To require the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to carry out a national public outreach campaign regarding the proper use of personal protective equipment to minimize personal risk of exposure to, and risk of spreading, the virus that causes COVID-19, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.6654 — To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to ensure the extension of the telehealth waiver authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech language-pathologists, and certain other providers; Sponsor: Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.R.6658 — To amend the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to adjust the temporary increase in the Medicaid Federal medical assistance percentage provided for territories during the COVID-19 emergency period, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.6660 — To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require the holders of approved applications for drugs to conduct a risk assessment to identify and evaluate risks to their supply chain and develop, maintain, and implement risk mitigation plans to address such risks, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.6662 — To authorize the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to become the sole owner and distributor of certain medical equipment in the event of a covered emergency; to establish a Joint Congressional Committee on Defense Production; and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]; Committees: House - Financial Services; Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce; Rules*

*H.R.6663 — To ensure that patients receive accurate health care information by prohibiting misleading and deceptive advertising or representation in the provision of health care services, to require the identification of the license of health care professionals, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.6664 — To educate businesses on COVID-19 based public health practices, to provide for a notice and cure period before the commencement of a private civil action, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Judiciary; Small Business*

*H.R.6665 — To direct the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to submit a report on the actions of the World Health Organization to address the spread of the virus responsible for COVID-19, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs*

*H.R.6666 — To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible entities to conduct diagnostic testing for COVID-19, and related activities such as contact tracing, through mobile health units and, as necessary, at individuals' residences, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.6670 — To provide for an exploration of strategies to increase domestic manufacturing and diversify the supply chain of critical drugs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.6672 — To amend the CARES Act to increase the authority for commitments and appropriations for paycheck protection program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]; Committees: House - Small Business*

*H.R.6674 — To ensure access to affordable, comprehensive health insurance benefits for certain uninsured individuals during the COVID-19 emergency, and to ensure adequate coverage of treatments for COVID-19 under the Medicare and Medicaid programs and under group health plans and group or individual health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Education and Labor; Armed Services*

*H.R.6676 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for full repayment under National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program in case of a 5-year commitment, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.6686 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to increase access to accelerated postgraduate nursing programs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.6690 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for relocating manufacturing of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies and devices to the United States; Sponsor: Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21]; Committees: House - Ways and Means*

*H.R.6693 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow States to certify certain hospitals as necessary providers for purposes of designating such hospitals as critical access hospitals under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]; Committees: House - Ways and Means*

*S.3593 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and modify the credit for increasing research activities, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*S.3595 — A bill to require a longitudinal study on the impact of COVID-19; Sponsor: Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.3596 — A bill to make technical corrections to the CARES Act to remove all tax liability associated with loan forgiveness under the Paycheck Protection Program; Sponsor: Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*H.Res.951 — Supporting the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, to be observed from May 6 through May 12, 2020; Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.Res.953 — Expressing support for designation of May 2020 as “Health and Fitness Month”; Sponsor: Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.6696 — To establish a program providing grants to certain small business concerns to modify or reallocate their productive facilities to begin or increase production of certain medical supplies critical to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]; Committees: House - Small Business*

*H.R.6697 — To amend the Small Business Act to expand the Paycheck Protection Program for certain organizations, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]; Committees: House - Small Business*

*H.R.6698 — To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the quality of care in skilled nursing facilities under the Medicare program and nursing facilities under the Medicare program during the COVID-19 emergency period, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.6701 — To require a longitudinal study on the impact of COVID-19; Sponsor: Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.6708 — To support the advanced manufacturing technologies program of the Food and Drug Administration, to establish National Centers of Excellence in Advanced Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.6709 — To direct the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a coronavirus fund to provide hazard payments to high-risk health care workers and essential workers, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]; Committees: House - Education and Labor; Ways and Means*

*H.R.6711 — To provide for the expedited and transparent procurement and distribution of equipment and supplies needed to combat COVID-19; Sponsor: Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]; Committees: House - Financial Services; Transportation and Infrastructure; Armed Services; Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.6712 — To amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to allow health share pools to be deemed an employer under section 3(5) of such Act for purposes of offering a group health plan or group health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]; Committees: House - Education and Labor*

*H.R.6716 — To amend the Small Business Act to include certain critical access hospitals in the paycheck protection program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]; Committees: House - Small Business*

*H.R.6717 — To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to extend the period of authorized stay for certain alien health care workers during the COVID-19 emergency period, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]; Committees: House - Judiciary*

*H.R.6719 — To require the Federal Government to provide critical health care resources in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; Sponsor: Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]; Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Financial Services; Energy and Commerce; Budget*

*H.R.6720 — To provide student loan forgiveness to health care workers who are on the front line in response to COVID-19; Sponsor: Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]; Committees: House - Education and Labor; Financial Services; Ways and Means*

*H.R.6727 — To hold Medicare beneficiaries harmless for specified COVID-19 treatment services furnished under part A or part B of the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce; Armed Services*

*H.R.6731 — To require executive agencies to purchase pharmaceuticals from the United States, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]; Committees: House - Ways and Means*

*S.3599 — A bill to enhance our Nation's nurse and physician workforce during the COVID-19 crisis by recapturing unused immigrant visas; Sponsor: Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]; Committees: Senate - Judiciary*



**S.3606** — *A bill to provide for the establishment of a Health Force and a Resilience Force to respond to public health emergencies and meet public health needs; Sponsor: Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

**S.3609** — *A bill to ensure that all communities have access to urgently needed COVID-19 testing, treatment, public health information, and relief benefits regardless of immigration status or limited English proficiency, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]; Committees: Senate - Judiciary*

**S.3610** — *A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to allow health share pools to be deemed an employer under section 3(5) of such Act for purposes of offering a group health plan or group health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

**S.Res.561** — *A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, to be observed from May 6 through May 12, 2020; Sponsor: Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

**S.Res.562** — *A resolution designating March 25, 2020, as “National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”; Sponsor: Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]; Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.*

**S.3615** — *A bill to amend the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to extend the rural community hospital demonstration program; Sponsor: Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

**S.3627** — *A bill to provide for the expedited and transparent procurement and distribution of equipment and supplies needed to combat COVID-19; Sponsor: Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]; Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*

**S.3630** — *A bill to provide certain limitations on liability for actions taken by health care providers to combat COVID-19; Sponsor: Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]; Committees: Senate - Judiciary*

**S.3631** — *A bill to provide relief for rural providers during the national emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); Sponsor: Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

**S.3634** — *A bill to address health workforce shortages and disparities highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic through additional funding for the National Health Service Corps and Nurse Corps; Sponsor: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

**S.3635** — *A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to maintain a list of the country of origin of all drugs marketed in the United States, to ban the use of Federal funds for the purchase of, or reimbursement for, drugs manufactured in China, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

**S.3643** — *A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize certain postgraduate health care employees and health professions trainees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide treatment via telemedicine, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs*

**S.3644** — *A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the quality of care in skilled nursing facilities under the Medicare program and nursing facilities under the Medicare program during the COVID-19 emergency period, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*S.3647 — A bill to prohibit price gouging for necessary products during Federally declared national emergencies or disasters; Sponsor: Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]; Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation*

*S.3654 — A bill to provide that certain public hospitals are eligible for loans under the Paycheck Protection Program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]; Committees: Senate - Small Business and Entrepreneurship*

*S.3656 — A bill to authorize a comprehensive, strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to strengthen global health security, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.3657 — A bill to provide for the coverage of medically necessary food and vitamins and individual amino acids for digestive and inherited metabolic disorders under Federal health programs and private health insurance, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.3663 — A bill to protect the privacy of consumers' personal health information, proximity data, device data, and geolocation data during the coronavirus public health crisis; Sponsor: Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]; Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation*

*S.3665 — A bill to amend the title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to rural health care by ensuring fairness in Medicare hospital payments; Sponsor: Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]; Committees: Senate - Finance*