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State Resources Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic

Given that State and local officials are key to any COVID-19 pandemic response, below is a collection of resources to help you find appropriate information.

General

- List of State COVID-19-related legislation
- List of State <u>fiscal responses</u>
- List of State <u>actions</u> (via the Governors) related to national guard activation, travel restrictions, school closures, etc.

Healthcare

- CMS list of approved section 1135 waivers; Questions may be sent to <u>1135waiver@cms.hhs.gov</u>
- List of Health Insurance Commissioners, including the names, titles, and contact information
- Commonwealth Fund tracking of State actions to deal with potential surprise bills, with a map here
- Commonwealth Fund <u>tracking</u> of costs of inpatient COVID-19 care (measured at expected reimbursement rates) and who pays them — Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance — across the country as a whole and in four states: California, New York, Florida, and Texas, with more information on the data process <u>here</u>.
- The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) has posted the following resources:
 - A <u>chart</u> identifying states' policies regarding licensure requirements and renewals in response to COVID-19.
 - A <u>chart</u> identifying steps states are taking to expedite licensure for inactive or retired licenses in response to COVID-19.
- Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) tool providing state-by-state COVID-19 data, including:
 - COVID-19 cases and deaths.
 - State policy actions, including emergency declarations; steps to waive cost sharing for COVID-19 testing and prior authorization requirements; paid sick leave; 1135 waivers; etc.
 - Provider capacity, including numbers of hospital beds as well as numbers of community health centers and health center delivery sites.
 - Medicaid expansion status, the distribution of health insurance coverage across the population (including the share and number who are uninsured), private insurance deductibles, and the share of adults at risk of serious illness if infected with coronavirus.
- The COVID Tracking Project includes key information on:
 - \circ State-by-state breakdown of <u>testing</u> and other public health parameters,
 - o <u>Race and ethnicity data</u> (where available),
 - Impact on residents of <u>long-term care facilities</u>, and
 - <u>Hospital-specific</u> data.
- CDC COVID Data Tracker includes information on:
 - o <u>Case trends</u>,
 - o <u>Vaccinations</u>,
 - o Laboratory testing,
 - o <u>Community impact</u>, and

• Cases and deaths among <u>healthcare personnel</u>.

Public Health

- List of <u>Public Health Officials</u>, including the names, titles, and bios of health officials from the 50 states, 8 territories, and the District of Columbia
- List of Public Health Department websites
- CDC COVID-19 <u>Travel Planner</u>, a centralized communication platform for COVID-19 travel restrictions and policies enacted by state, tribal, local, and territorial governments.

Small Business

The SBA has 68 District Offices, as well as support provided by its Resource Partners, such as SCORE offices, Women's Business Centers, Small Business Development Centers and Veterans Business Outreach Centers. The SBA's Local Assistance Directory can be used to locate offices.