

Coronavirus Update



Health Policy Briefing

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Last week signaled an apparent turning point in the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States, with President Trump declaring a national emergency and invoking the Stafford Act on Friday, two days after the World Health Organization (WHO) officially declared the coronavirus a pandemic. Invoking powers under the Stafford Act will allow the federal government to devote more resources to respond to the virus and make more than \$42 billion available to states from the Disaster Relief Fund. States will now be permitted to request a 75 percent federal cost-share for expenses such as emergency workers, medical tests and supplies, vaccinations, and medical facility security. Only two emergency declarations since the 1960s for public health threats have targeted disease outbreaks - when President Clinton declared emergencies in New York and New Jersey in response to the West Nile Virus in 2000.

During an address to the nation from the Oval Office Wednesday evening, President Trump outlined the latest actions the administration plans to take to contain the coronavirus outbreak and respond to its economic impact. The President announced that he would be significantly restricting travel from Europe to the U.S. for the next 30 days. President Trump also announced the deferral of tax payments for individuals and businesses affected by the virus and said that he would be instructing the Small Business Administration (SBA) to provide emergency capital to firms impacted by the virus. During the address the President warned older Americans, who are particularly susceptible to COVID-19, to avoid non-essential travel, and recommended restrictions around non-medically necessary visits to nursing homes. He also called on Congress to pass a payroll tax cut and legislation to ensure sick leave for hourly workers.

The House of Representatives passed H.R. 6201, the *Families First*

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Coronavirus Act, in the early hours of Saturday morning. The large-scale economic relief plan aims to support Americans in combatting the spread of the coronavirus through the expansion of paid leave, food assistance, and unemployment assistance and through increased federal Medicaid funding. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin worked to negotiate the House-passed legislation, which was backed by President Trump. The bill would increase federal medical assistance percentages (FMAP) for state Medicaid programs by 6.2 percentage points. Medicaid funding for U.S. territories would also be increased. The bill includes a prohibition against cost sharing and prior authorization for certain coronavirus testing and related services, such as provider visits for testing. It also appropriates \$1 billion for the National Disaster Medical System to reimburse costs associated with testing the uninsured. The bill would add personal respiratory protective devices as a covered countermeasure under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act, and allow the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide liability protections for certain emergency response products. The bill will now be sent to the Senate, which will skip a planned recess and return to session today. Speaker Pelosi announced plans for the House to work on a third emergency response measure to further address the health, economic security, and well-being of Americans while the Senate considers the **Family First Coronavirus Act**. The House is not in session this week, but House leadership told representatives that they will be given 24 hours' notice if any developments require they return before March 23..

The House and Senate sergeants at arms announced that the Capitol will be closed to the public until April 1. Only members, staff, journalists, and visitors on official business will be allowed to enter. Several members of Congress and their staff have made the decision to self-quarantine after coming into contact with coronavirus-positive individuals, including Sen. Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), an aide in the office of Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Rep. Mark Meadows (R-N.C.), Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), Rep. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), and Rep. Doug Collins (R-Ga.).

Bipartisan leadership of the House Energy and Commerce Committee have [requested](#) a briefing from Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Stephen Hahn about steps his agency is taking to prevent drug and medical device shortages as a result of the coronavirus. The lawmakers ask how the FDA is ensuring the safety of medical products, given that the virus has stalled facility inspections in China, and what the agency is doing to track products at-risk of potential shortage.

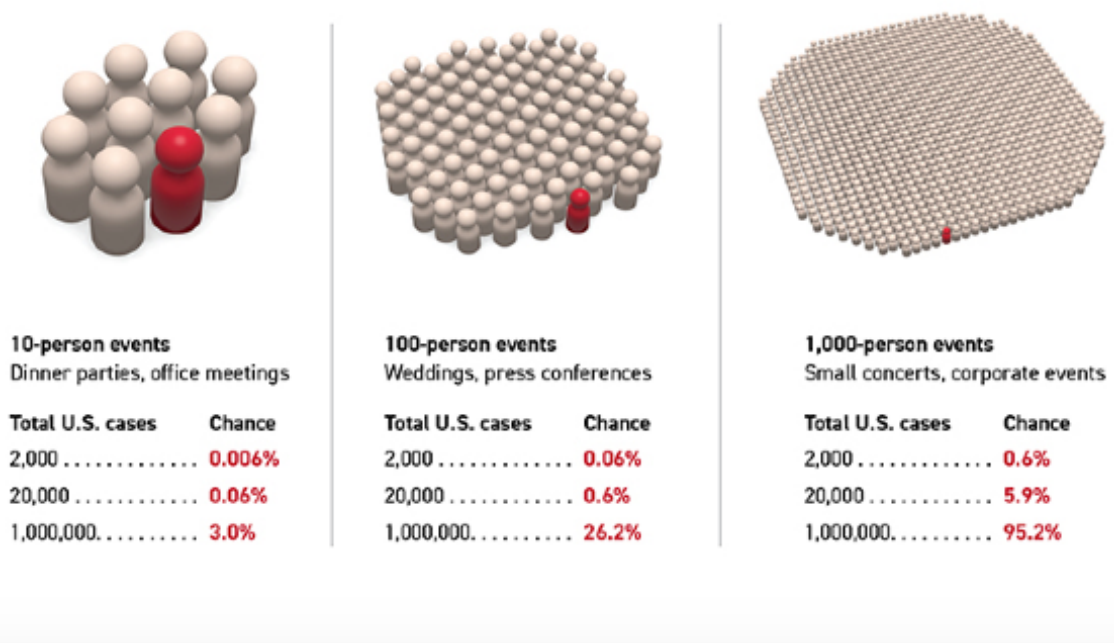
New Coronavirus CPT Code

A new CPT code has been [created](#) for novel coronavirus testing offered by U.S. hospitals, health systems, and laboratories. Effective March 13, 2020, the code will be used as the industry standard for reporting of novel coronavirus tests. The code will arrive as a part of the complete CPT code set in the data file for 2021 later this year. Until then, the code descriptor will need to be manually uploaded into EHR systems.

How Risky Are Meetings During a Pandemic?

Many meetings and public events are being cancelled in response to the novel coronavirus outbreak. While the chance of a meeting being attended by an infected individual depends on both the size of the meeting and the extent of spread in the community, Politico Pro has prepared the graphic below to illustrate the risk to various meeting sizes based on total U.S. cases.

Chances that **at least one event attendee** is infected with coronavirus, based on total U.S. cases:
 (Assumes the infection is evenly spread throughout the United States)



CBO Shares Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act Score

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) [estimates](#) that a revised version of the bipartisan drug pricing legislation advanced by the Senate Finance Committee would save more than \$95 billion over the next decade. The **Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act** would save \$72 billion in out-of-pocket spending for Medicare Part D enrollees, a significant increase over the previous \$27 billion estimate. The CBO score predicts premium savings for the updated measure, however, would decrease from \$5 billion to \$1 billion over 10 years. The latest bill text is expected to be released in the near future: the CBO notes that its estimate is based on the bill version posted on December 6, 2019 “with modifications discussed with staff.” Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) is still trying to drum up support for the bill amongst his Republican colleagues, which he considers necessary to convince Senate GOP leadership to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

In related news, President Trump has sent his principles for drug pricing reform to lawmakers on Capitol Hill. The White House calls on Congress to cap Medicare Part D beneficiary annual out-of-pocket pharmacy expenses; provide an option to cap Part D beneficiary monthly out-of-pocket costs; offer protection for seniors against the out-of-pocket cost cliff; give insurance companies an incentive to negotiate better prices for costly drugs; and limit drug manufacturers’ price increases.

Grassley Warns Universities About Threats to Research from China

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) has sent [letters](#) to 77 universities regarding the academic research and national security threats posed by Confucius Institutes on campuses. Confucius Institutes are organizations backed by the Chinese government; U.S. government agencies and the intelligence community have asserted that these organizations are being used as a tool for propaganda within U.S. universities. The letter outlines Chairman Grassley's concerns that the Chinese government has taken steps toward stealing intellectual property from taxpayer-funded research projects, and discusses the need for the government to protect its research from foreign interference or influence that could result in damage to or theft of American intellectual property. Grassley urges each university to request a briefing from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to fully understand the risks to their institutions.

MedPAC March 2020 Report to the Congress

The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) has released its March 2020 ***Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy***. The report includes examinations of Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) payment adequacy, Medicare Advantage (MA) and the prescription drug benefit (Part D), health care provider consolidation and its effects on the Medicare program, beneficiaries, and the delivery system, and an analysis of expanding Medicare's inpatient hospital post-acute care transfer policy to hospice. An executive summary of the report can be found [here](#) and the entire report can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Markups

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee hearing "An Emerging Disease Threat: How the U.S. is Responding to COVID-19, the Novel Coronavirus – Part 2;" 10:00 a.m., 216 Hart Bldg.; March 18

Recently Introduced Health Legislation

H.Res.888 — Supporting the designation of March 2020 as Endometriosis Awareness Month; Sponsor: Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6132 — To address social determinants of health for women in the prenatal and postpartum periods, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Financial Services; Agriculture; Transportation and Infrastructure; Education and Labor

H.R.6135 — To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require Exchanges to establish network adequacy standards for qualified health plans; Sponsor: Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6136 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates; Sponsor: Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6137 — To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish and implement a Perinatal Care Alternative Payment Model Demonstration Project, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6138 — To improve maternal health outcomes, especially for underserved populations, through investments in technology, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6139 — To direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an emergency temporary standard that requires certain employers to develop and implement a comprehensive infectious disease exposure control plan to protect employees in the health care sectors and other employees at elevated risk from exposure to SARS-CoV-2, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Scott, Robert C. “Bobby” [D-VA-3]; Committees: House - Education and Labor; Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.6141 — To improve maternity care coordination provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]; Committees: House - Veterans’ Affairs

H.R.6142 — To end preventable maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in the United States and close disparities in maternal health outcomes, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Financial Services; Transportation and Infrastructure; Education and Labor; Judiciary; Natural Resources; Agriculture; Veterans’ Affairs

H.R.6143 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to improve maternal mental and behavioral health outcomes with a particular focus on outcomes for minority women, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6144 — To make investments in community-based organizations and other initiatives to prevent maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, especially for Black women, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6147 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of hearing aids and related hearing services; Sponsor: Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.6148 — To amend title 10, United States Code, to expand benefits available under the TRICARE Extended Health Care Option program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]; Committees: House - Armed Services

H.R.6149 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to enhance reporting requirements for nonexpansion States, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Cunningham, Joe [D-SC-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6150 — To allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; Sponsor: Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]; Committees: House - Education and Labor; House Administration; Oversight and Reform; Judiciary

H.R.6151 — To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permanently extend the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6155 — To amend the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009 to make improvements with respect to the transition of biological products, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6159 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to renew the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6164 — To grow and diversify the perinatal workforce, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6165 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to improve data collection with respect to maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

H.R.6166 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize and support the creation and dissemination of cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources to identify more at-risk families, to authorize research and surveillance activities relating to cardiomyopathy, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6173 — To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to cover COVID-19 testing without cost sharing; Sponsor: Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6178 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a demonstration program to facilitate the clinical adoption of pregnancy intention screening initiatives by health care and social service providers; Sponsor: Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6179 — To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a demonstration project to increase access to biosimilar biological products under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Cardenas, Tony [D-CA-29]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

S.3424 — A bill to end preventable maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in the United States and close disparities in maternal health outcomes, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.3432 — A bill 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: Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

H.Res.896 — Reaffirming support of fundamental United States principles at the United Nations and encouraging the World Health Organization to embrace technological advancements in tobacco control; Sponsor: Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

H.R.6193 — To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to provide benefits under such plan or such coverage for a 30-day refill of prescription drugs to individuals who reside in emergency areas during emergency periods; Sponsor: Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6201 — Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]; Committees: House - Appropriations; Budget; Ways and Means

H.R.6205 — To amend the Trade Act of 1974 to provide adjustment assistance to certain workers adversely affected by disruptions in global supply chains from the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]; Committees: House - Ways and Means

H.R.6206 — To provide that the President may provide additional Federal assistance for an emergency related to a public health emergency, including a pandemic or virus threat, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]; Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

H.R.6209 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a program to allow qualified group practices to furnish certain items and services at qualified skilled nursing facilities to individuals entitled to benefits under part A and enrolled under part B of the Medicare program to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce

H.R.6213 — To provide for coverage (without cost sharing or utilization management requirements) under group health plans and individual and group health insurance coverage of testing for COVID-19; Sponsor: Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Education and Labor

S.3436 — A bill to establish grant programs to improve the health of border area residents and for all hazards preparedness in the border area including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]; Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

S.3437 — A bill to reauthorize certain programs regarding rural health care; Sponsor: Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.3438 — A bill to reauthorize the telehealth network and telehealth resource centers grant programs; Sponsor: Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.3439 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit high deductible health plans to divide the deductible between medical and drug costs for purposes of qualifying for health savings accounts, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.3442 — A bill to require private health insurers to cover related to COVID-19 without cost-sharing and to provide for special enrollment periods for individuals diagnosed with COVID-19; Sponsor: Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.3443 — A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide Medicaid coverage for all pregnant and postpartum women, to provide coverage under the Medicaid program for services provided by doulas, midwives, and lactation consultants, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.3447 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a program to allow qualified group practices to furnish certain items and services at qualified skilled nursing facilities to individuals entitled to benefits under part A and enrolled under part B of the Medicare program to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]; Committees: Senate - Finance

H.R.6214 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of testing for COVID-19 at no cost sharing under the Medicare Advantage program; Sponsor: Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce

H.R.6218 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify congressional intent and preserve patient access to home infusion therapy under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.6220 — To amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide for leave with respect to a public health emergency, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]; Committees: House - Education and Labor; Oversight and Reform; House Administration

H.R.6222 — To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to provide for coverage of items, services, and immunizations relating to the diagnosis or treatment of COVID-19 under group health plans and health insurance coverage within 15 days of the issuance of a recommendation from the United States Preventive Services Task Force or the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; Sponsor: Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6231 — To ensure affordable coverage of certain vaccines and testing services under group health plans and group and individual health insurance coverage during the COVID-19 public health emergency; Sponsor: Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6232 — To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the National Disaster Medical System, to provide for certain laboratory reimbursement for diagnostic testing for COVID-19 in uninsured individuals; Sponsor: Rep. Cardenas, Tony [D-CA-29]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6237 — To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to clarify the requirement of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense to reimburse the Indian Health Service for certain health care services; Sponsor: Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]; Committees: House - Natural Resources; Energy and Commerce

H.R.6238 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the amount of the orphan drug tax credit, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce

H.R.6244 — To amend titles XVIII and XIX to provide for coverage at no cost sharing of COVID-19 testing under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program; Sponsor: Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6253 — To expand certain securities exemptions to respond to COVID-19, to establish an X-prize for creating an effective COVID-19 vaccine, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]; Committees: House - Financial Services; Energy and Commerce

H.R.6258 — To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.6259 — To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to provide veteran health savings accounts to allow veterans to receive primary care furnished under non-Department direct primary care service arrangements, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs

H.R.6260 — To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Rules

H.R.6261 — To provide for coverage of testing for COVID-19 at no cost sharing for Indians receiving health services through the Indian Health Service, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]; Committees: House - Natural Resources; Energy and Commerce

H.R.6263 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive cost sharing under the Medicare program for certain visits relating to testing for COVID-19; Sponsor: Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

S.3451 — A bill to improve the health and safety of Americans living with food allergies and related disorders, including potentially life-threatening anaphylaxis, food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome, and eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.3457 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify congressional intent and preserve patient access to home infusion therapy under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.3466 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate cost sharing for biosimilar biological products furnished under part B of the Medicare program during the first 5 years such products are marketed; Sponsor: Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.3468 — A bill to require the manufacturers of certain essential medical devices to notify the Food and Drug Administration when such manufacturers become aware of a circumstance that could lead to a shortage of such devices, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.3475 — A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an emergency temporary standard that requires certain employers to develop and implement a comprehensive infectious disease exposure control plan to protect employees in the health care sectors and other employees at elevated risk from exposure to SARS-CoV-2, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.3478 — A bill to require a report to assess, evaluate, and address the dependence of the United States on critical drugs and devices sourced or manufactured outside of the United States; Sponsor: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.3486 — A bill to improve State, local, and tribal public health security; Sponsor: Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.3489 — A bill to support children and students in responding to safety and health risks presented by qualifying emergencies, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.3498 — A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to reimburse States for the cost of operating drive-through sites for COVID-19 testing; Sponsor: Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.3499 — A bill to amend coverage requirements to ensure that no person incurs cost-sharing when receiving a test to confirm a COVID-19 infection; Sponsor: Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.3500 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to codify and permanently extend the Medicare hospital wage index imputed rural floor; Sponsor: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]; Committees: Senate - Finance