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.