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Below is this week's government and legislative affairs update. All previous legislative guidance and other affiliate resources are stored via the [VillageMD Affiliated Practices COVID-19 Resource Center](#).

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [released](#) \$25B in CARES Act emergency grants for Safety Net, CHIP and Medicaid Providers. The portal is open [here](#).
- The U.S. Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) [published](#) "Preparing for the Next Pandemic." The white paper provides recommendations for how the United States can better prepare for future pandemics based on the past twenty years of public health preparedness and response.
- The Internal Revenue Service is [proposing](#) premiums and fees for direct primary care be eligible for reimbursement by employers under health reimbursement arrangements (HRAs) and for deduction as medical expense.
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services [issued](#) guidance on reopening health facilities.
- Senators Grassley/Wyden/Pallone/Walden [asked](#) HHS for additional CARES grants to Medicaid providers, beyond the \$25B issued this week.
- The HELP committee will [hold](#) a hearing on Wednesday, June 17 at 10:00am EST regarding Telehealth Lessons from the Pandemic.