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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](#).

1. The Senate completed week three of a five-week session before July 4<sup>th</sup> recess begins, focusing on the Senate version of police reform legislation. Senators state a COVID-19 response package will be debated beginning July 20<sup>th</sup> and finalized by August 7<sup>th</sup>. The House continues to hold hearings, but did not take any votes.
2. The Senate Finance Committee Chairman is [seeking](#) member input on policies to reduce healthcare disparities.
3. The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) [held](#) a hearing on the future of telehealth.
4. A group of bipartisan senators, led by Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI), want telehealth provisions included in previous COVID-19 [emergency legislation to be made permanent](#) to allow for expanded telehealth flexibilities after the pandemic.
5. Senate Finance Committee leaders are pressing HHS to be more transparent on how much individual providers have received in COVID-19 funding from both Medicare loans and provider relief funding grant.