

Please reach out to your VillageMD market leader with questions and concerns.

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](#).

General updates:

- The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) [held](#) a hearing on improving the pandemic response.
- A federal judge [ruled](#) that the Trump administration can proceed with its controversial mandate that hospitals publish negotiated rates, rejecting the American Hospital Association's call for the court to scrap CMS' hospital price transparency rule that will go into effect 2021.
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) [proposed](#) permanent expansion of telehealth in home health.
- Idaho [became](#) the first state to permanently loosen telehealth rules.
- Dialysis Community sues CMS over network adequacy changes in Medicare Advantage.

VillageMD PAC Update:

- VillageMD started a Federal Political Action Committee this year and has raised over \$60K.

VillageMD On The Hill:

- VillageMD met with Senators Sasse, Grassley, Wyden and Loeffler to discuss relevant issues, including primary care funding, CMMI initiatives around Direct Contracting and NexGen ACOs, the next Covid-19 relief legislation and making permanent certain telehealth provisions that have been permitted during the Public Health Emergency.