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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](#).

General Updates:

1. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a [new](#) Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) form that will be required after 8/31/2020. The expiration date is 6/30/2023.
2. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [announced](#) over \$4 Billion in additional relief payments to healthcare providers impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic
3. The Senate and the House are in recess this week, but will come back into session for three weeks starting Monday 7/20. The focus of the Congressional work throughout the next three weeks will be finalizing the next COVID-19 relief package.
 1. Senate Republicans have stated they don't believe another relief bill is necessary, as much of the CARES funding has yet to be spent, including funding to states and HHS as part of the Public Health Emergency Fund (near \$60B). Senate Republican focus will likely be on the return to work and school.
4. There continue to be conversations about Primary Care relief amongst lawmakers. These include:
 1. Relief on interest or timing for Medicare Advanced Payments
 2. Permanent Telehealth issues and Waivers
 3. Added funding to grants for primary care providers
 4. Added bump in payment for FMAP
 5. Additional policy through HHS on Telehealth issues; Site of service payment parity, Audio only vs. Audio/video, AWW's.