

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 U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) [held](#) a hearing on safely getting back to work and school in relation to COVID-19.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [announced](#) they will extend the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, currently set to expire at the end of July, including waivers of telehealth restrictions.
- Physician Advocacy Groups [asked](#) Congress to remove taxes on CARES Grants.
- Congress voted to [extend](#) the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) application deadline for loans until August 8, 2020.
- More than 300 stakeholders [sent](#) a letter to Congress, urging permanent action on telehealth services.
- Both the Senate and House will be in recess the weeks of July 6 and July 13, returning the week of July 20. The main focus of the July/August work period will be the negotiation and consideration of the next COVID-19 relief package.

VillageMD On The Hill:

- VillageMD worked in collaboration with America's Physicians Groups (APG) in writing a letter to CMMI, expressing concern on certain matters related to DCEs. Issues involved opinions around benchmarks, Concurrent Risk Adjustment, voluntary attribution and timelines.
- VillageMD continues to develop policy positions on a variety of issues that impact primary care and providers. We work directly with Congress, HHS/CMS and CMMI and the White House on pressing issues of the day.
- After the recess, we anticipate addressing continuation of the next phase of the CARES Act and creating statutory language around tele-health.