

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](#).

This week the Senate was in a pro forma session. The House returns to session with votes on the United States Postal Reform legislation on August 22.

On Capitol Hill:

- House leaders called members back to the Capitol for a vote this Saturday during August recess to take up Postal Service legislation, which would provide \$25 billion in emergency funds and prohibit major service changes during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell introduced a "Skinny" COVID and Postal Service legislative fix on Monday. This bill is likely a demonstrational response to the House offered fix and most notably for VillageMD did not include a delay on Medicare Advanced payment recoupment, or any additional provider funding for the Public Health Emergency Fund.
- Democratic Presidential Candidate Joe Biden officially accepted the party nomination Thursday at the Democratic National Convention (done virtually from his home in Delaware). Kamala Harris, the Vice-Presidential candidate, accepted this nomination Wednesday night.
- HHS Secretary Alex Azar indicated a new [directive](#) from the agency which would pre-empt state law to allow for pharmacists to give lifesaving childhood vaccines to children in all states.

PAC Update:

- Gary attended a PAC event with Senate Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) on Monday.