

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 was also on August recess.

**On Capitol Hill:**

- House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows announced talks will begin again on the COVID-4 package. Both sides reported they are still far apart and final package will likely not be announced until late September near the time of the government funding expiration.
- CMS announced additional support to Louisiana and Texas physicians by providing additional waivers and flexibilities throughout the impact of Hurricane Laura.
- President Trump gave his acceptance speech at the end of the Republican National Convention. The first Presidential debate will occur September 29 in Cleveland.

**PAC Update:**

- Gary participated in a briefing by HHS Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation Sara Morse.