

Loosening Regulations: Temporary CMS Waivers and Rule Changes



Trump Administration Makes Sweeping Regulatory Changes to Help U.S. Healthcare System Address COVID-19 Patient Surge.

Administrator Verma added that she applauds the March 23, 2020, pledge by America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) to match CMS's waivers for Medicare beneficiaries in areas where in-patient capacity is under strain. "It's a terrific example of public-private partnership and will expand the impact of Medicare's changes," Verma said.

CMS's temporary actions announced today empower local hospitals and healthcare systems to:

- **Increase Hospital Capacity – CMS Hospitals Without Walls**
- **Rapidly Expand the Healthcare Workforce:**
- **Put Patients over Paperwork:**
- **Further Promote Telehealth in Medicare:**

For additional background information on the waivers and rule changes, go to:

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/additional-backgroundsweeping-regulatory-changes-help-us-healthcare-system-address-covid-19-patient>

For more information on the COVID-19 waivers and guidance, and the Interim Final Rule, please go to the CMS COVID-19 flexibilities webpage: <https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/emergency-preparedness-response-operations/current-emergencies/coronavirus-waivers>.

These actions, and earlier CMS actions in response to COVID-19, are part of the ongoing White House Coronavirus Task Force efforts. To keep up with the important work the Task Force is doing in response to COVID-19, visit www.coronavirus.gov. For a complete and updated list of CMS actions, and other information specific to CMS, please visit the [Current Emergencies Website](#).