Loosening Regulations: Temporary CMS Waivers and Rule Changes


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-background-sweeping-regulatory-changes-help-us-healthcare-system-address-covid-19-patient


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.