COVID-19: State Opportunities and the Next Federal Response Package

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Introduction

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• **COVID-4 Priorities and the States:** Eliot Fishman, Families USA

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Congressional Activity Around COVID-19

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COVID-19 Timeline of Major Legislation

• **March 6, 2020**: Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act
  • Provided $8.3B in emergency funding for federal agencies to respond to the outbreak
    • HHS funding went to BARDA, HRSA, CDC, NIAID, FDA
  • $20B for Small Business Administration
  • Policies removing restrictions on Medicare providers to offer telehealth services

• **March 18, 2020**: Families First Coronavirus Response Act
  • Unemployment benefits
  • Paid sick leave (for some)
  • Insurance coverage of COVID-19 testing
  • Funding for Nutrition Assistance
  • 6.2% bump in FMAP funding
• **March 27, 2020**: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
  - $2T economic stimulus
  - $150B to support health care providers and hospitals
  - $339.8B for state and local governments
  - $4.3B for CDC pandemic response
  - Boost to unemployment insurance
  - Direct cash payments
  - Small business grants and loan forgiveness

• **Likely by Memorial Day**: “CARES 2.0”
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Priorities for COVID-19 and What it Means for States

• Ensure access to affordable health insurance coverage for all

• Provide states, localities, and tribes with the financial support they need to respond effectively

• Protect the health and safety of the health care workforce

• Organize national public health capacity

• Protect all patients’ access to care and prohibit price gouging of health care services
Questions?

• What are your organization’s observations thus far?

• Lessons learned?

• What are your current challenges and immediate needs?
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