A note from Katten's Health Care team to our friends and colleagues:

Our work involving the health care law of COVID-19 has necessarily involved a large body of "new law" and new resources. Katten's health care attorneys have consulted many of these links repeatedly during the past few weeks, and we thought it would be helpful to collect them in one place. We hope it will be helpful for you as well.

These links will be regularly updated; don't hesitate to send us your suggestions. For additional information or assistance, please contact <u>Joseph Willey</u> or other members of Katten's <u>Health</u> Care practice.

Federal

H.R.6201 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Mar. 18, 2020) (among other things, establishes requirements for providing coronavirus diagnostic testing at no cost to consumers, treats personal respiratory protective devices as countermeasures eligible for certain liability protections, and temporarily increases the Medicaid federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP))

https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6201/text

H.R. 748 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the CARES Act (Mar. 27, 2020) (provides emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families and businesses affected by the 2020 coronavirus pandemic)

https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/748/text

President's proclamation of national emergency (Mar. 13, 2020)

https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-declaring-national-emergency-concerning-novel-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-outbreak/

CMS Coronavirus Emergency webpage, which points to press releases, billing and coding guidance, survey and certification guidance, lab test coverage, telemedicine, etc.:

https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Current-Emergencies-page, which includes here and elsewhere on the CMS website, *e.g.*:

- Press Releases
 - https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/emergency-preparedness-response-operations/current-emergencies/coronavirus-press-releases
- CMS Interim Final Rule with Comment Period (CMS-1744-IFC)
 https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-final-ifc.pdf (new rules and waivers of federal requirements to ensure that local hospitals and health systems have the capacity to absorb and

effectively manage potential surges of COVID-19 patients, including increasing hospital capacity, expanding the workforce, reducing paperwork, promoting telehealth, etc.)

CMS Coronavirus Waivers & Flexibilities

https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/emergency-preparedness-response-operations/current-emergencies/coronavirus-waivers

• CMS Medicare Learning Network Connects

https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/FFSProvPartProg/Provider-Partnership-Email-Archive

- COVID-19 Checklists and Tools re State Medicaid & CHIP Programs (3/22/2020) (generally described here: https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administration-releases-covid-19-checklists-and-tools-accelerate-relief-state-medicaid-chip)
 - 1115 Waiver Opportunity and Application Checklist

https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demonstrations/1115-application-process/index.html

• 1135 Waiver Checklist

https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/disaster-response-toolkit/cms-1135-waivers/index.html [See also Section 1135 information listed separately below.]

1915(c) Appendix K Template

https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/disaster-response-toolkit/hcbs/appendix-k/index.html

Medicaid Disaster State Plan Amendment Template

https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/disaster-response-toolkit/state-plan-flexibilities/index.html

 CMS Announces Findings at Kirkland Nursing Home and New Targeted Plan for Healthcare Facility Inspections in light of COVID-19

https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-findings-kirkland-nursing-home-and-new-targeted-plan-healthcare-facility-inspections

 CMS Approves Medicaid Section 1135 Waivers for 11 Additional States in Response to COVID-19

https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-approves-medicaid-section-1135-waivers-11-additional-states-response-covid-19

President Trump Expands Telehealth Benefits for Medicare Beneficiaries During COVID-19
 Outbreak

https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/president-trump-expands-telehealth-benefits-medicare-beneficiaries-during-covid-19-outbreak

Medicare Telemedicine Health Care Provider Fact Sheet

https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/medicare-telemedicine-health-care-provider-fact-sheet

Medicare Telehealth FAQs

https://edit.cms.gov/files/document/medicare-telehealth-frequently-asked-questions-faqs-31720.pdf

- CMS Announces New Measures to Protect Nursing Home Residents from COVID-19
 https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-new-measures-protect-nursing-home-residents-covid-19
- Medicare Coverage and Payment Related to COVID-19 Fact Sheet https://www.cms.gov/files/document/03052020-medicare-covid-19-fact-sheet.pdf
- CMS Releases Recommendations on Adult Elective Surgeries, Non-Essential Medical, Surgical, and Dental Procedures During COVID-19 Response

https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-releases-recommendations-adult-elective-surgeries-non-essential-medical-surgical-and-dental

 CMS Publishes First Set of COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for State Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Agencies

https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-publishes-first-set-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions-faqs-state-medicaid-and-childrens-health

- Medicaid and CHIP Coverage and Payment Related to COVID-19 Fact Sheet https://www.cms.gov/files/document/03052020-medicaid-covid-19-fact-sheet.pdf
- COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions for State Medicaid and CHIP Agencies https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/covid-19-faqs.pdf
- Medicaid Telehealth Guidance

https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/downloads/medicaid-telehealth-services.pdf

Re Section 1135 Waivers

<u>Social Security Act § 1135</u> (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 1320b–5) ("Authority To Waive Requirements
During National Emergencies"); <u>1135 Waivers</u> (CMS master web page); <u>Waiver – At a Glance</u>
(CMS memo); <u>1135 Waivers and the Emergency Preparedness Rule</u> (CMS slide presentation);
Medicare FFS Additional Emergency and Disaster-Related Policies and Procedures That May Be

Implemented Only With a § 1135 Waiver (CMS memo, March 15, 2019); Public Health Emergency Declaration Questions and Answers (CMS memo)

- <u>President's declaration</u> of "national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020"; <u>HHS Secretary Azar's authorization</u> of Section 1135 waivers and modifications effective at 6:00 P.M. on March 15, having retroactive effect to March 1, but only to the extent determined necessary by CMS.
- CMS article, "Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) Response to the Public Health Emergency on the <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19)</u>" (March 20, 2020); "<u>COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Health Care Pro-<u>viders Fact Sheet</u>" (March 13, 2020).
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- See also COVID-19 Checklists and Tools re State Medicaid & CHIP Programs, above.
- State Medicaid Waivers; Individual Health Care Provider Waivers: See, generally, Requesting an 1135 Waiver and 1135 Waiver Request, Communication Method - Best Practice (CMS memos). States of Florida (March 16, 2020) and Washington (March 19, 2020) waivers. CMS press release re Florida.
- CMS Administrator has stated that all sec. 1135 approval letters will be posted publicly here ("Federal Disaster Resources").
- New York requested its 1135 waiver on Mar. 23, 2020 DOH posted it here; CMS approved New York's 1135 waiver on Mar. 26, 2020 and the approval is posted here.

OIG COVID-19 Portal

https://oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus/index.asp

CDC COVID-19 Webpage

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html

FEMA COVID-19 Response

https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus

FDA - Latest COVID-19 Information from the FDA

https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/counterterrorism-and-emerging-threats/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19

HHS Office for Civil Rights – Guidance on HIPAA, Civil Rights and COVID-19

https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/special-topics/hipaa-covid19/index.html

U.S. Department of Justice re COVID-19 Fraud, Hoarding, Price Gouging, and Other Resources

https://www.justice.gov/coronavirus



New York State

Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders

https://www.governor.ny.gov/executive-orders

- No. 202.13: Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster <u>Emergency</u> (Mar. 30, 2020) (various provisions including re OPWDD, OMH, OASAS, OCFS provider background checks and unsupervised work; school district payment for the cost of child care services; continuing non-essential workers working from home, modifying or continuing other EOs, etc.)
- No. 202.12: Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency (Mar. 28, 2020) (various provisions including hospitals, as a condition of licensure, to allow one person to be in attendance with a patient who is giving birth so long as that person does not have a fever; postponement of certain elections and the presidential primary; etc.)
- No. 202.11: Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster <u>Emergency</u> (Mar. 27, 2020) (re practice of midwives, pharmacy technicians and pharmacists, registered professional and licensed practical nurses; electronic signatures; extension of school closures, modifying or amending other EOs, etc.)
- No. 202.10: Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency (Mar. 23, 2020) (numerous provisions ensuring adequate bed capacity, supplies, and providers to treat patients affected with COVID-19, e.g., increasing the number of beds available to patients; revising the definition of ambulance emergency medical services; allowing certain healthcare providers to operate without physician supervision/collaborative relationships/agreements; allowing certain healthcare providers licensed in other states to provide services; emergency treatment protocols; definition of medical control; easing recordkeeping requirements; use of students; use of volunteers; dispensing hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine, etc.)
- No. 202.9: Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster <u>Emergency</u> (Mar. 21, 2020) (re banking law, forbearance of payments, ATM/overdraft/credit card fees)
- No. 202.8: Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency (Mar. 20, 2020) (extending time limits under "procedural laws of the state"; provisions re driver's licenses, motor vehicle registrations, corporate shareholder meetings; modifying E.O. 202.6 re work from home & essential businesses; no enforcement of eviction or foreclosure; tax filing and payment late penalties & interest)
- No. 202.7: Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster <u>Emergency</u> (Mar. 19, 2020) (provisions relating to notarial acts, personal care services, and telecommuting/work from home)
- No. 202.6: Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster <u>Emergency</u> (Mar. 18, 2020) (provisions relating to telecommuting/work from home)

- No. 202.5: Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency (suspension of various Education Law provisions and regulations to allow physicians, RNs, LPNs, NPs, and PAs licensed and in current good standing in any state to practice in New York State; various nursing home and HHAs and other programs provisions; temporary hospital facilities; abbreviated training of direct support professionals; abbreviated medication administration training, and others)
- No. 202.4: Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster <u>Emergency</u> (local government or political subdivision non-essential personnel, state workers, school closures)
- No. 202.3: Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster <u>Emergency</u> (cancelling large gatherings and events)
- No. 202.2: Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency (provisions regarding elections)
- No. 202.1: Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency (suspending various provisions of DOH regulations to allow hospitals to make temporary changes to physical plants, bed capacities, and services provided; allowing construction applications for temporary hospital location to be approved without considering recommendation of health systems agency; allowing clinical labs to operate temporary collecting stations; allowing Art. 16 facilities to increase and exceed certified capacity; other health care related provisions)
- No. 202: Declaring a Disaster Emergency in the State of New York (suspension of various laws, including relating to rapid discharge, transfer or receipt of patients, PRI, EMS, personal care services, COVID-19 testing, rapid approval of telemental health services)

NYS DOH – Communicable Diseases Reporting and Control – Adding Severe or Novel Coronavirus, Effective 2020-02-06 – Amending sections 2.1 and 2.5 of Title 10 NYCRR.

NYS Register Feb. 26, 2020, pp. 38-41, https://www.dos.ny.gov/info/register/2020/022620.pdf

NYS DOH Coronavirus Information for Providers https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/information-providers. Some other interesting DOH issuances include, *e.g.*:

- COVID-19 Special Edition Medicaid Updates, e.g., Telephonic Communication Services, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy, and Comprehensive Telehealth Guidance https://www.health.ny.gov/health-care/medicaid/program/update/2020/index.htm
- Health Advisory: Respiratory Illness in Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities in Areas of Sustained Community Transmission of COVID-19

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/22-doh_covid19_nh_alf_ilitest_032120.pdf

 Health Advisory: COVID-19 Guidance for Hospital Operators Regarding Visitation Updated Guidance Regarding Obstetrical and Pediatric Settings

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/healthadvisoryupdatehospitalvi sitation obpeds 3.21.20.pdf

 UPDATED Guidance for Emergency Approval for Additional Capacity or alternative sites for testing, triage, screening or treatment related to COVID-19 Surge Response

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/doh_emergencyapprovalscapacitysites 031920.pdf

• Emergency Medicaid Pharmacy Guidance

https://oasas.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/nys-doh-emergency-medicaid-pharmacy-guidance-3-12-20-1.pdf

- Coronavirus-related Guidance for Health Homes and Children's Waiver Services
 https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/policy/index.htm
- Hospital Visitation Guidance

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/covid19-hospital-visitation-guidance-3.18.20.pdf

- Interim Guidance for Home Care Services Regarding COVID-19
 https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/03-16-20 home care services.pdf
- Medicaid Coverage and Reimbursement Policy for Services Related to COVID-19 https://coronavirus.health.nv.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/2020-03-10 covid-19.pdf
- Nursing Home Guidance

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/nursing home guidance.pdf

- New York State Task Force on Life and the Law DOH Ventilator Allocation Guidelines
 https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/task force/reports publications/docs/ventilator guidelines.p
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- DOH COVID-19 Guidance for the Authorization of Community-Based, Long-Term Services and Supports Covered by Medicaid

https://www.nyshcp.org/common/Uploaded%20files/Public%20Policy/EP/2020%20Coronavirus/NYSDOH/DLTCCOVID19Guidance31820.pdf

DOH COVID-19 Guidance for CHHAs, LTHHCPs, LHCSAs, Hospices
 https://www.nyshcp.org/common/Uploaded%20files/Public%20Policy/EP/2020%20Coronavirus/Notification 102830.pdf

NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities Coronavirus Guidance, including re telehealth, intermediate care facilities, etc.

https://opwdd.ny.gov/coronavirus-guidance

NYS Office of Mental Health Coronavirus Guidance, including re telemental health, behavioral health programs, health homes, visitor restrictions, etc.

https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/guidance/

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services Coronavirus Guidance

https://oasas.ny.gov/keywords/coronavirus, including, e.g.:

- OASAS Prevention Telepractice Services
 https://oasas.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/prevention-telepractice-services.pdf
- OASAS Telepractice Waiver https://oasas.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/letter-of-counsel-covid-19-3.9.2020-002-signed.pdf
- OASAS Telepractice Waiver Update https://oasas.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/telepractice_waiver-update.pdf
- OASAS Telepractice Attestation https://oasas.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/attestation-covid-19.pdf

NYS Department of Education Office of the Professions COVID-19 Information for the Licensed Professions

http://www.op.nysed.gov/COVID-19.html

NYS Department of Financial Services

https://www.dfs.ny.gov/reports and publications/press releases/pr202003201

New York City

Mayor De Blasio's Emergency Executive Orders:

- https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/home/downloads/pdf/executive-orders/2020/eeo-98.pdf (declaration of local state of emergency)
- https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/home/downloads/pdf/executive-orders/2020/eeo-99.pdf (prohibition of large gatherings or events)



- https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/home/downloads/pdf/executive-orders/2020/eeo-100.pdf (various provisions, including suspension of elective procedures at NYC H+H and other NYC hospitals and AMCs)
- https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/home/downloads/pdf/executive-orders/2020/eeo-101.pdf

 (suspension of ride shares)
- https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/home/downloads/pdf/executive-orders/2020/eeo-102.pdf (3/20/2020) (numerous provisions especially re businesses to be closed, essential businesses, work from home, public gatherings, and extending/amending prior EOs)
- https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/home/downloads/pdf/executive-orders/2020/eeo-103.pdf (3/25/2020)
- (various provisions, including re telecommuting, closure of malls, extending prior EO, and incorporation of all of the Governor's EOs)
- https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/home/downloads/pdf/executive-orders/2020/eeo-104.pdf
 (3/30/2020) (re extending EO 103 for five days, incorporation of all of the Governor's EOs, etc.)

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Coronavirus Information

https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/coronavirus.page

NYC Guidance for Schools, Businesses and Facilities

https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/coronavirus.page (mostly non-health-care links, but includes, among others, Congregate Settings Guidance (March 15), Nonprofit Business Continuity Guidance (March 15), Letter to Human Service Provider Partners (March 18), Nonprofit Contract, Budget and Finance Guidance (March 14), Homeless Shelter Interim Guidance (March 4))

Other

ACGME

Updated: ACGME Guidance Statement on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Resident/Fellow Education and Training in the United States

https://www.acgme.org/Newsroom/Newsroom-Details/ArticleID/9962/ACGME-Guidance-Statement-on-Coronavirus-COVID-19-and-Resident-Fellow-Education-and-Training-in-the-United-States

ACGME Guidance Statement on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Resident/Fellow Education and Training Considerations

https://acgme.org/Newsroom/Newsroom-Details/ArticleID/10068/ACGME-Guidance-Statement-on-Coronavirus-COVID-19-and-Resident-Fellow-Education-and-Training-Considerations

The Hastings Center

Ethical Framework for Health Care Institutions and Guidelines for Institutional Ethics Services Responding to the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic

https://www.thehastingscenter.org/ethicalframeworkcovid19/



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