

apply for loan forgiveness and document staff and payroll levels, and

2021. Also delays for one year the requirement that laboratories report private payer data. (Section 3718)

Providing Hospitals Medicare Advance Payments. For the duration of the COVID-19 emergency period, an existing Medicare accelerated payment program is expanded for hospitals. Eligible facilities can request up to a six month advanced lump sum or periodic payment. (Section 3719)

Addressing Shortages of Personal Protective Equipment and Other Medical Equipment

Requiring the Strategic National Stockpile to Include Certain Types of Medical Supplies. This provision makes clear that the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) should stockpile certain medical supplies including personal protective equipment, ancillary medical supplies, and other applicable supplies required for the administration of drugs, vaccines and other biological products, medical devices, and diagnostic tests in the stockpile. (Section 3102)

Additional Funding for the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). The CARES Act includes \$16 billion for personal protective equipment, ventilators, and other medical supplies for federal and state response efforts. When combined with other funding provided through previously-enacted stimulus legislation, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020, H.R. 6074 (phase 1), approximately \$17 billion has been provided for the SNS. (Division B- Title VIII – Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies)

Coverage for Patients

Coverage of Diagnostic Testing for COVID-19. Private insurance plans are required to cover without cost sharing all testing for COVID-19, including those tests without an emergency use authorization (EUA) by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). (Section 3201)

Pricing of Diagnostic Testing. Insurers are required to pay either the rate specified in a contract between the provider and the insurer, or, if there is no contract, a cash price posted by the provider for COVID-19 testing covered with no cost to patients. (Section 3202)

Rapid Coverage of Preventive Services and Vaccines for Coronavirus. With(s)-8(p)5WñBT28 Tm0000912 0 612 79

Clarification Regarding Coverage of Tests. Medicare Part B beneficiaries can receive all tests for COVID-19 with no cost-sharing. This section clarifies a previously-enacted phase 2 stimulus provision. (Sec. 3717)

Confidentiality and Disclosure of Records Relating to Substance Use Disorder. In order to facilitate care coordination,

Allowing Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Provides an additional \$4.3 billion available through FY2020 to support federal, state, and local public health agencies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus. (Division B- Title VIII – Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies)

Veterans Affairs (VA). Provides an additional \$14.4 billion for Medical Services and an additional \$2.1 billion for Medical Community Care to manage increased demand for health care at VA facilities and also increases for care in the community, such as emergency and urgent care. (Division B- Title X – Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies)

OVERSIGHT

Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery. Creates the Office of the Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery within the Department of the Treasury. The Special Inspector General carries out and oversees the audits and investigations of the making, purchase, management, and sale of loans, loan guarantees, and other investments made by the Treasury Department. The position is appointed by the president. The Special Inspector General is required to report to Congress on a quarterly basis. (Section 4018)

Congressional Oversight Commission. Creates the Congressional Oversight Commission that oversees the implementation of Title V of the CARES Act, Economic Stabilization and Assistance to Severely Distressed Sectors of the United States Economy, by the Department of the Treasury and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, including efforts of the Department and the Board to provide economic stability as a result of Coronavirus. The Oversight Commission is required to report to Congress on a monthly basis. (Section 4020)

Pandemic Response Accountability Committee. The CARES Act provides \$80 million for this committee to coordinate transparency and oversight efforts over the funds appropriated in the bill. (Division B-Financial Services and General Government- Pandemic Response Accountability Committee)