

Important Updates

April 2, 2020

(webpage links are in red) Emergency Declaration Waivers

CMS is empowered to take proactive steps through 1135 waivers as well as, where applicable, authority granted under section 1812(f) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and rapidly expand the Administration's aggressive efforts against COVID-19. As a result, the following blanket waivers are in effect, with a retroactive effective date of March 1, 2020 through the end of the emergency declaration. **These waivers DO NOT require a request to be sent to the <u>1135waiver@cms.hhs.gov</u> mailbox or that notification be made to any of CMS's regional offices.**

These waivers are designed to assist providers in focusing on the care of their patients and residents and provide relief from some of the regulatory requirements during this emergency declaration for COVID-19.

To access the emergency declaration waivers:

CMS Summary of COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Waivers

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