



HEALTH ISSUES

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U.S. Secretary of Health & Human Services Extends Public Health Emergency

On April 12, 2022, The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Secretary, Xavier Becerra, under his authority from the Public Health Service Act, extended the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) by another 90 days. This will be the 9th renewal of the COVID-19 PHE and will be effective on April 16, 2022, when the current PHE was set to expire. This extension is due to the “continued consequences of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic” according to the declaration signed by Becerra. The extension, which will continue to provide expanded telehealth services, state support, and Medicaid coverage, is effective through July 2022. HHS has indicated that it would provide at least 60 days’ notice prior to the termination of the PHE.

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