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Hello REDC Members,

Here is your weekly policy update.

Public Health Emergency Declaration Extended

The Biden Administration renewed the official [Public Health Emergency Declaration](#) effective January 16, 2022 and ending April 16th if it is not renewed again.

ACA 2023 Plan Proposed Rule

- The Biden Administration released their annual proposed rule, Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters which makes updates to ACA marketplace plans.
 - The rule was released early—December 27th with a 30-day comment period that ends on **January 27, 2022 at 11:59 pm EST.**
 - The REDC submitted official comments this week that are attached for reference.
 - **Your centers have been notified by Allison Ivie yesterday with a template comment and instructions on how to submit your comments for your centers.**
 - Regulatory comment submissions are a numbers game and the more comments they can receive that reiterate key points, the better chance we have in making our requests a reality!

Social Determinants Enter Into CMS

- The National Quality Forum that provides reviews metrics Medicare uses to pay providers has endorsed two measures addressing social determinants.
 - This endorsement paves the way for CMS to work out details and start the rulemaking process.
 - One measure requires patients to be screened for social needs like housing and food insecurity. The second measure tracks how many patients “tested positive” for those social drivers of health.
 - The measurements will apply to both clinics and hospitals.
 - While they won’t require providers to make or follow up on social service referrals, the screening and data collection will be the foundation for future measures, incentives or requirements.

SERVE Act

- We are still crafting a letter from REDC to the Department of Defense to encourage speedy implementation that is aligned with our and Congress' intent.

Have a great weekend.

Best,

Center Road Solutions Team