



# COVID-19: State Opportunities and the Next Federal Response Package

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# Agenda

- **Introduction and Background:** Lisa Hunter, Families USA
- **Overview of Congressional Activity:** Frederick Isasi, Families USA
- **COVID-4 Priorities and the States:** Eliot Fishman, Families USA
- **Q&A:** All!
- **Next Steps and Closing:** Lisa Hunter, Families USA

# Housekeeping

- Today's presentation is being recorded
- The slides and recording will be made available
- To ask questions:
  - Type your question in the chat box

## **Frederick Isasi**

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# COVID-19 Timeline of Major Legislation

- **March 6, 2020:** Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act
  - Provided \$8.3B in emergency funding for federal agencies to respond to the outbreak
    - HHS funding went to BARDA, HRSA, CDC, NIAID, FDA
  - \$20B for Small Business Administration
  - Policies removing restrictions on Medicare providers to offer telehealth services
- **March 18, 2020:** Families First Coronavirus Response Act
  - Unemployment benefits
  - Paid sick leave (for some)
  - Insurance coverage of COVID-19 testing
  - Funding for Nutrition Assistance
  - 6.2% bump in FMAP funding

# COVID-19 Timeline of Major Legislation (cont.)

- **March 27, 2020:** Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
  - \$2T economic stimulus
  - \$150B to support health care providers and hospitals
  - \$339.8B for state and local governments
  - \$4.3B for CDC pandemic response
  - Boost to unemployment insurance
  - Direct cash payments
  - Small business grants and loan forgiveness
- **Likely by Memorial Day:** “CARES 2.0”

## **Eliot Fishman**

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# Priorities for COVID-4 and What it Means for States

- Ensure access to affordable health insurance coverage for all
- Provide states, localities, and tribes with the financial support they need to respond effectively
- Protect the health and safety of the health care workforce
- Organize national public health capacity
- Protect all patients' access to care and prohibit price gouging of health care services

# Questions?

- What are your organization's observations thus far?
- Lessons learned?
- What are your current challenges and immediate needs?



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