The following information comes from directly from news sources including Bloomberg Government, Kaiser Health News, and other news sources.

**Schedules: White House and Congress**

**WHITE HOUSE**

- President Trump has no public events scheduled
  - Trump also said he would host Rush Limbaugh’s show today
- 8pm: Trump to undergo medical evaluation in Fox News appearance, will be his first on-camera interview since returning from Walter Reed hospital for coronavirus treatment
  - NOTE: Trump told Fox News last night that he would probably do a Covid test today after his doctor released a memo on his health yesterday

**CONGRESS**

- Senate holds pro forma session at 10am
- House meets at 10am
- 10:15am: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi holds press conference to introduce legislation “establishing a commission on presidential capacity.”

**Congressional, Health Policy, and Political News**

- **Bloomberg Government: Military Rethinks Hospital, Medical Staff Cuts:** The pandemic is causing the Pentagon to reassess an overhaul of the military health system that’s aiming to eliminate 17,000 medical positions and force 190,000 beneficiaries into private care, the Defense Health Agency said. Defense Secretary Mark Esper is collecting data on the effects of Covid-19 and recommendations to decide if the military should go ahead with its plans after pausing them at the beginning of the virus outbreak, Lt. Gen. Ronald Place, the agency’s director, said yesterday.

- **Bloomberg Government: Government Eases Forgiveness Hurdles for Smaller PPP Loans:** Businesses will have fewer obstacles to clear to get virus relief loans of $50,000 or less forgiven under new rules from the government. The Treasury Department and Small Business Administration offered relief in interim final rules yesterday. The government also released a forgiveness form and accompanying instructions.

- **Stat: FDA Probing Whether Intercept Pharma Drug Is Tied To Risk Of Liver Injury:** The Food and Drug Administration is evaluating a potential risk of liver injury in patients who take the Intercept Pharmaceuticals drug Ocaliva to treat a certain type of liver disease. The FDA’s inquiry into Ocaliva began in May and could take one year to complete, Intercept spokesperson Christopher Frates told STAT. Intercept is cooperating with the FDA’s safety regulators, and “based on our work to date, we remain confident in the positive benefit-risk profile of Ocaliva when used as directed,” Frates said.

- **Bloomberg Government: U.S. Gears Up to Mass Produce Regeneron Drug:** The federal
government is preparing to help Regeneron Pharmaceuticals manufacture “tens or hundreds of thousands of doses” of the Covid-19 antibody cocktail given to Trump, Azar said. The experimental treatment is one of several monoclonal antibody therapies in testing that may help patients with Covid-19.

- **NPR: FDA Weighs COVID-19 Antibody Drugs For Emergency Use:** President Trump continues to tout an experimental treatment he received for COVID-19 as a cure for the disease despite an absence of evidence to back up that claim. To be sure, some medical experts have high hopes that the kind of treatment Trump received could end up being an important element in the fight against the pandemic. Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, recently told The Washington Post these antibody-based drugs are "a real best chance of being a game changer." But we aren't there yet. And there is no telling whether these medications are responsible for the president's apparent recovery. He received early and close medical attention, which included two other powerful medications that could also have played a significant role.

- **Bloomberg Government: Health Providers Get More Time to Repay Medicare Loans:** Health-care providers and equipment suppliers who received $106 billion in loans under the Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payment Program will have more time to repay the money, the Trump administration announced yesterday.
  - Under terms of the continuing resolution recently signed into law by Trump, repayment will now begin one year after the issuance date of a recipient’s original loan. More than 24,000 loans had been approved for doctors, other medical providers, and durable medical equipment suppliers since March 28 under the program, which allows them to receive advance reimbursements from Medicare.

- **Bloomberg Government: Rare Diseases Researchers Win $16 Million From FDA:** Researchers studying rare disease will receive a total of $16 million from the FDA over the next four years, the agency announced yesterday.
  - The six new clinical grants will fund research into rare diseases with no other available treatment options or to improve treatments for other rare conditions. Awarding the grants, the Food and Drug Administration acknowledged the additional costs researchers face as a result of the coronavirus this year.