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**Schedules: White House and Congress**

**WHITE HOUSE**

- Impeachment trial of former President Trump continues in Senate
- Biden meets with mayors; travels to Camp David
- CDC expected to roll-out its guidance on how to safely reopen schools

**WHITE HOUSE**

- 9:30am: President Biden, VP Harris receive presidential daily brief
- 11:15am: Biden, Harris meet with mayors, governors incl. New York’s Cuomo, Arkansas’ Hutchinson to discuss economic stimulus
- 12:45pm: Biden, Harris have lunch together
- 1:30pm: Biden, Harris receive economic briefing with Treasury Sec. Janet Yellen
- 5:30pm: Biden departs for Camp David
- 12:30pm: Briefing with Press Sec. Jen Psaki
- Biden administration will notify states Friday that it plans to revoke Medicaid work requirements

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

- **Bloomberg Government: Democrats Back $350 Billion for State, Local Governments:** House Democrats are backing Biden’s proposal for $350 billion in funding for state and local governments, according to draft stimulus legislation. House Oversight and Reform Committee Chair Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.)’s bill, slated for committee action today, sets up a new dedicated state and local fund in order to bypass the traditional appropriations process which is not eligible for budget reconciliation. States would receive $195 billion and that money would partly be distributed based on the share of unemployed workers. Local governments would receive $130 billion, partly based on population, with a carve-out for smaller communities.

- **Politico: Biden Moving To Withdraw Trump-Approved Medicaid Work Rules:** The Biden administration on Friday will notify states it plans to revoke Medicaid work requirements, starting the process of dismantling one of the Trump administration's signature health policies. The move is one of several steps that Biden’s health department is expected to take this week to unravel the contentious work rules long criticized by Democrats, according to internal documents obtained by POLITICO.

- **Bloomberg Government: Health Giants Form Startup to Share, Analyze Patient Data:** Fourteen of the largest U.S. health systems, led by Providence, have formed a startup to pool patient information, aiming to streamline efforts to analyze anonymous data to improve care, develop better therapies and drugs, and promote more equitable treatment
of underrepresented groups. Called Truveta, the Seattle-based startup is led by former Microsoft executive Terry Myerson, who ran the software maker’s Windows business. It will combine records representing about 13% of U.S. hospitals, which will be anonymized to protect confidentiality, said Rod Hochman, Providence chief executive officer and chair-elect of the American Hospital Association. The venture, which is co-owned by the participating hospital systems, includes Chicago-based CommonSpirit Health, Tenet Healthcare, Trinity Health, Bon Secours Mercy Health and New York’s Northwell Health.

- **The Washington Post: Biden Says U.S. Will Have Enough Vaccine For 300 Million People By End Of July:** President Biden said Thursday that his administration had finalized deals for another 200 million doses of the two coronavirus vaccines authorized in the United States, giving the country enough vaccine by the end of July to cover every American adult. In remarks capping an afternoon tour of the National Institutes of Health, Biden said the federal government had purchased 100 million more doses from Pfizer and German company BioNTech, as well as 100 million more from Moderna, using options built into existing contracts with those companies.

- **Bloomberg Government: Panel Approves $1,400 Stimulus Payments:** The House Ways and Means Committee advanced legislation that would infuse households with hundreds of billions of dollars of cash through direct payments and tax credits, a key plank of Biden’s Covid-19 aid package. The committee approved legislation providing $593.5 billion in benefits, most of which is made up of $1,400 stimulus payments, along with advance tax credits for children that’ll be sent to households on a monthly basis. The measures passed by a 24-18 party-line vote.

- **Bloomberg Government: Energy and Commerce Panel Approves Bill:** The House Energy and Commerce panel approved more than $46 billion for Covid-19 testing and $20 billion to expand vaccine distribution as part of House Democrats’ $1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package. The measure also includes funding to support research and the public health workforce. The legislation, approved by a vote of 31-25, will now advance to House floor with a vote possible during the week of Feb. 22.
  - The measure includes a proposed $5 billion in energy and water assistance during the pandemic for needy ratepayers.
  - The plan includes language that would direct $7.6 billion toward the Emergency Connectivity Fund and would require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules outlining eligibility qualifications for schools to get reimbursed for laptops, internet service and wi-fi hotspots for students and teachers at home due to the pandemic.

- **Bloomberg Government: House Advances Veterans’ Health-Care Funding:** The House Veterans’ Affairs Committee approved a bill providing $13.5 billion for veterans health care services. Committee Chairman Mark Takano (D-Calif.) said the money would help Veterans Affairs deal with a surge in people seeking care after they held off during the pandemic. The vote was 17-12, along party lines. The measure contains $272 million to process backlogged benefit claims, $750 million for state home facilities such as nursing-home and adult care centers, $100 million for VA information-technology upgrades, and $400 million for retraining programs for veterans.

- **Bloomberg Government: Patient Care Authorization Rule Pulled from Site:** A Trump administration rule aimed at making it easier to approve medical procedures was removed from the Department of Health and Human Services website, the agency
confirmed. The final rule, which the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced Jan. 15, “was removed from the CMS website as it falls under the White House’s Regulatory Freeze,” the HHS press office said in an email. The final rule was never published in the Federal Register. Only the proposed rule (RIN: 0938-AT99) from Dec. 18, 2020, was published.