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**Schedules: White House and Congress**

**WHITE HOUSE**

- 1:45p: Biden delivers remarks on his infrastructure, tax plan
- 10:30am: White House Covid-19 Response Team, public health officials hold briefing
- 12:15pm: White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo hold press briefing

**CONGRESS**

- Senate, House adjourned until the week of April 12
- 1:30pm: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to hold San Francisco event to highlight elements of recent stimulus legislation

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

- **Bloomberg Government: Democrats Ask for Obamacare Enrollment Period for Laid-off Workers**: Democratic leaders in a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra asked for an Affordable Care Act marketplace special enrollment period “that will allow unemployed workers to maintain access to affordable coverage after the expiration of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021’s (ARPA) COBRA subsidies—which will make it easier for workers to stay covered after losing a job,” according to a statement from the House Education and Labor Committee. The letter was signed by House Education and Labor Chair Bobby Scott (Va.), Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Chair Patty Murray (Wash.), House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal (Mass.), Senate Finance Committee Chair Ron Wyden (Ore.), and House Energy and Commerce Chair Frank Pallone (N.J.).

- **Bloomberg Government: Biden’s Economic Plan Hinges on Party Unity After Procedural Win**: Biden now likely has several chances to pass parts of his economic agenda without needing any Republican votes, but that doesn’t solve his biggest problem: keeping his own party unified.
  - Democrats could have at least three more chances in 2021 to pass legislation with a simple majority, instead of the 60 votes needed to overcome a Republican filibuster, thanks to a Monday ruling from Senate Parliamentarian Elizabeth MacDonough.
  - The details of that ruling and what it would mean in practice are still being litigated behind the scenes, but won’t change the basic math governing Washington: Biden needs support of all 50 senators who caucus with Democrats, including Sen. Joe Manchin (W.Va.), who has already expressed some reservations.
• **Roll Call: Democrats Hope To Extend New Insurance Subsidies Before 2022 Midterms:** Health insurance shoppers who buy coverage on the state and federal exchanges are likely to see a discount in their premiums as soon as next month, thanks to the recent COVID-19 relief law, but prices could rise again in 2023 if Congress doesn’t extend new subsidies before then. As Democrats consider what aspects of their health agenda their next legislative push may include, lawmakers say they plan to extend the enhanced premium tax credits that were authorized through 2022 in the COVID-19 relief law enacted last month, but they haven’t laid out a specific plan for doing so.

• **Bloomberg Government: Covid-19, Rare Diseases Frame Drug Pricing Debate:** Tackling high drug prices will get a renewed focus in Congress this year as lawmakers turn their attention to boosting access to treatments for Covid-19, rare diseases, and other life-threatening conditions. Roughly two dozen bills are floating around Congress that would alter how drugs get marketing exclusivity, require companies to report planned price hikes, and allow the government to directly negotiate prices. One bill that would modify eligibility for five years of exclusivity sailed through the Senate but awaits action in the House. The others have yet to see action. Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said last month that Democrats were weighing whether to add a provision to upcoming infrastructure legislation that would let the government negotiate drug prices. Such a provision is still in the works.

• **The Wall Street Journal: Biden Says All U.S. Adults Should Be Eligible For Covid-19 Vaccine By April 19:** President Biden said Tuesday that all U.S. adults should be eligible for Covid-19 vaccines by April 19, speeding up a timeline he set out last month, and he urged Americans to be patient and take precautions as the rollout continued and new variants spread. Hawaii said Tuesday that it will meet President Biden’s April 19 target, according to a spokesman from the state’s health department. He added that residents still must be patient because of limited supply of vaccine. Oregon said Tuesday that everyone over age 16 would be eligible to sign up for a vaccine on April 19. Ahead of the announcement, the Biden administration asked states if they could meet the new target for expanding eligibility, a person familiar with the conversations said.

• **Bloomberg Government: White House Rules Out Vaccine Passports:** The U.S. government won’t issue so-called vaccine passports, White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said, after Texas sought to limit their development because of privacy concerns. “The government is not now, nor will we be, supporting a system that requires Americans to carry a credential,” Psaki told reporters at the White House yesterday. “There will be no federal vaccinations database and no federal mandate requiring everyone to obtain a single vaccination credential.”
  o The administration wants to protect Americans’ privacy and doesn’t want vaccine passports “used against people unfairly,” Psaki said. Some businesses and colleges are pushing for people to show proof of vaccination — before, say, boarding cruise ships, entering stadiums, or returning to campus — as a way to safely resume pre-pandemic operations.