

# American Nephrology Nurses Association

## Daily Capitol Hill Update - Friday, July 31, 2020

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

- 11:30am: President Trump meets with National Association of Police Organizations leadership
- 1pm: Trump departs White House for Tampa, Florida
- 3:30pm: Trump participates in a Campaign Coalitions Event with Florida Sheriffs
- 4:30pm: Trump participates in Covid-19 response, storm preparedness roundtable
- 5pm: Trump participates in roundtable with supporters
- 6pm: Trump delivers remarks at fundraising committee dinner
- 7:50pm: Trump departs Tampa, Florida for Washington D.C.; arrives back at White House 10:05pm

#### CONGRESS

- Senate returns Monday
- House meets at 9am; considers appropriations bill with last votes expected between noon-2pm
- Talks between negotiators on next stimulus package continue Friday even as supplemental unemployment insurance lapses today
  - McConnell Moves to Force Debate on Jobless Benefits Stopgap

### Congressional, Health Policy, and Political News

- **Bloomberg Government: House Appropriations:** House Democrats aim to pass a spending package including six full appropriations bills today (H.R. 7617) that includes funding for programs under the Health and Human Services Department.
  - The chamber will also vote on an amendment (No. 219) from Rep. Rick Allen (R-Ga.) that would reduce the total amount of funding in the Labor-HHS-Education portion of the bill by 5%.
  - Lawmakers voted on the floor yesterday to adopt amendments that would prevent the military from banning transgender people from service, and call on several agencies to determine and annually update a list of 300 to 400 medications that would be needed in a public health emergency.
  - The Trump administration threatened a veto of the House appropriations bill, according to a White House's Office of Management and Budget statement. It cited language in the measure that it says prohibits the HHS Office for Civil Rights from

enforcing a “conscience rule” that allows health-care providers to refuse certain services if they have religious or moral objections, among other provisions.

- **Politico: Vaccine Distribution Will Be ‘Joint Venture’ Between CDC And Pentagon:** Nationwide distribution of any coronavirus vaccine will be a “joint venture” between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which typically oversees vaccine allocation, and the Department of Defense, a senior administration official said today. The Department of Defense “is handling all the logistics of getting the vaccines to the right place, at the right time, in the right condition,” the official said in a call with reporters, adding that CDC will remain in charge of tracking any side effects that emerge post-vaccination and “some of the communications through the state relationships [and] the state public health organizations.”
- **Bloomberg: Trump Urges Americans to Give Plasma:** Trump yesterday asked Americans who have recovered from Covid-19 to donate their plasma at local blood banks to help those who contract the coronavirus potentially get better faster. Trump told those who have had the virus that they “have something very special,” and asked them to donate “as soon as you can.” Plasma from people who recovered from Covid-19 is known as convalescent plasma, and it contains antibodies that can help others fight the virus.
- **Stat: Medical Nonprofits Forced To Scale Back As Pandemic Upends Fundraising:** Medical charities have long relied on black-tie galas, golf tournaments, and bike-a-thons to fund their operations. But as with so many other in-person events, Covid-19 has cancelled those plans this year, leaving nonprofits with a funding shortfall that has forced them to cut staff, end grant funding, scale back activities, and in at least one case, shut down entirely.
- **Becker’s Hospital Review: 25% of diabetes patients rationing treatments amid pandemic, survey finds:** One in every four Americans with diabetes is rationing their medication and supplies, according to survey results released July 29 by the American Diabetes Association.
  - The survey, which gathered 5,000 diabetic respondents between June 26 and July 1, revealed that patients are rationing their treatments by skipping insulin doses and testing their blood glucose levels less frequently. It also found that half of employed Americans with diabetes are going to work, with 90 percent of them coming within 6 feet of co-workers.