Fact Sheet



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Comparing the House and Senate Versions of the Third Stimulus Package

Health and Human Services Provisions

Policy Area	Taking Responsibility for Workers and Families Act House Bill	CARES Act Senate Bill		
Human Services				
Older Americans Act– Nutrition Programs	 Authorizing Language: Provides flexibility on nutrition standards to allow frozen meals; relaxes the definition of "homebound" to allow more seniors to receive home-delivered meals; and allows 100% transfer of funds between home-delivered and congregate nutrition programs 	Authorizing Language:Language same as the House bill		
	 Appropriations: \$750 million total (\$720 million + \$30 million tribal nutrition) 	Appropriations: • \$500 million		
Older Americans Act – Long-term Care Ombudsman	 Authorizing Language: Clarifies that the long-term care ombudsman retains the right to access long-term care facilities (in 	Authorizing Language:Language same as the House bill		

	 appropriate format) throughout the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency Appropriations: \$20 million for Elder Rights Support Activities, including ombudsman 	Appropriations: • Same as House bill (\$20 million)
Older Americans Act – Supportive Services	Authorizing Language: • None Appropriations: • \$200 million	 Authorizing Language: None Appropriations: Same as House bill (\$200 million)
Older Americans Act – Family Caregiver Program	Authorizing Language: • None Appropriations: • \$100 million	Authorizing Language: • None Appropriations: • Same as House bill (\$100 million)
Older Americans Act – Senior Community Service Employment Program	 Authorizing Language: Provides flexibilities for lengths of service and for administrative costs Appropriations: \$120 million 	 Authorizing Language: Language same as the House bill Appropriations: None

Community Services Block Grant	 Authorizing Language: Raises income cap to 200% of federal poverty level (from 125%) Appropriations: \$2.5 billion 	 Authorizing Language: Language same as the House bill Appropriations: \$1 billion
Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Programs	 Authorizing Language: Blanket waiver of statutory and regulatory requirements. Appropriations: \$102 million total (\$100 million for grants + \$2 million for hotline) 	 Authorizing Language: None Appropriations: \$47 million total (\$45 million for grants + \$2 million for hotline)
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	Authorizing Language: • None Appropriations: • \$1.4 billion	Authorizing Language: • None Appropriations: • \$900 million

Health Coverage and Access		
Rapid Coverage of Preventive Services and Vaccines for COVID-19	Requires coverage for COVID-15 vaccine within 15 days	Language essentially same as the House bill
Coverage of COVID-19 Testing at No Cost-Sharing	Includes clarification regarding the Families First requirement for in vitro diagnostic tests to comply with the FDA guidance on diagnostic tests	Includes clarifications regarding tests covered by Families First and requires coverage of tests based on the manufacturer's intent to apply for an Emergency Use Agreement Requires an insurer to pay either the rate specified in a contract between the provider and the insurer, or, if there is no contract, a cash price posted by the provider
Coverage of COVID-19 Treatment at No Cost- Sharing	Requires all plans to cover treatment for COVID-19 at no cost-sharing	No provision
Prescription Drug Refill Notifications During Emergencies	Requires plans to notify patients if their plan permits advance prescription drug refills pursuant to public health preparedness guidelines and provide patients with options for receiving an advance drug refill	No provision

Subsidies for COBRA	Provides subsidies to allow workers to maintain their employer-sponsored coverage if they become eligible for COBRA or are subject to a temporary furlough	No provision
Improvements to COBRA Notices	Improves COBRA notices provided to workers who lose employer-sponsored coverage by including information about ACA options	No provision
Short Term Limited Duration Insurance Rule Prohibition	Prohibits the Secretaries of Health and Human Services, the Treasury, and Labor from implementing/enforcing the final rule that expanded short-term plans	No provision