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New Tools To Help Speed States' Access to Emergency Flexibilities and Resources

Yesterday:, the Trump Administration released new tools to strip away regulatory red tape and unleash new resources to support state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) during the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Because of the President's bold action in declaring COVID-19 a national emergency, CMS now has a full suite of tools available to maximize responsiveness to state needs. The agency has created four checklists that together will make up a comprehensive Medicaid COVID-19 federal authority checklist to make it easier for states to receive federal waivers and implement flexibilities in their program.

The tools include:

- **1115 Waiver Opportunity and Application Checklist**
- **1135 Waiver Opportunity and Application Checklist**
- **1915(c) Appendix K Template**
- **Medicaid Disaster State Plan Amendment Template**

You can find a copy of the press release here: **https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administration-releases-covid-19-checklists-and-tools-accelerate-relief-state-medicaid-chip**

These tools, and earlier CMS actions in response to the COVID-19 emergency, are all part of ongoing White House Coronavirus Task Force efforts. To keep up with the important work the Task Force is doing in response to COVID-19, please visit **www.coronavirus.gov.** For a complete and updated list of CMS actions, guidance, and other information in response to COVID-19, please visit the, please visit the **Current Emergencies Website.**

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