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Industry News: Feds Extend COVID PHE for a 9th Time

HHS Secretary **Xavier Becerra** signed a ninth extension of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), effective April 16 and lasting through July 15. Will it be the last extension?



Reminder: Rumbblings of the PHE ending sooner rather than later are widespread among law- and policymakers. Plus, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services already started to roll back certain waivers for skilled nursing facilities, inpatient hospice facilities, and long-term care facilities.

Not so fast: However, lawmakers may be loathe to cut off the PHE before midterm elections in November, observers note. Stay tuned as we continue to monitor COVID-related policy updates.