

# The Families First Coronavirus Response Act

*bolsters the federal government's response to the coronavirus outbreak.*



## FREE TESTING FOR CORONAVIRUS

The *Families First Coronavirus Response Act* ensures that all individuals, including those with private insurance, Medicare Advantage or Original Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, VA, FEHBP, and TRICARE, as well as the uninsured, will have access to tests at no cost.

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## STRENGTHENS FOOD ASSISTANCE

The *Families First Coronavirus Response Act* includes more than \$1 billion to provide nutritious foods to low-income pregnant women and mothers with young children, help food banks, and provide meals to seniors. It also protects students' access to school meals in the event of school closures.

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## SAFEGUARDS MEDICAID BENEFITS

The *Families First Coronavirus Response Act* increases the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) that the federal government provides to state and territorial Medicaid programs. This will prevent states from cutting Medicaid benefits.

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## ENHANCES UNEMPLOYMENT AID

The *Families First Coronavirus Response Act* gives states the resources and flexibility to provide unemployment benefits to laid off and furloughed workers, as well as to those workers who exhaust their allotted paid leave.

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## ESTABLISHES PAID LEAVE

The *Families First Coronavirus Response Act* provision establishes an Emergency Paid Leave Program that replaces a significant share of lost wages so that those who take leave to avoid spreading the virus or due to illness or caregiving responsibilities can pay their bills.