

## **Health Information Compliance Alert**

## **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:** Rumblings 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.