DAILY COVID-19 REGULATORY UPDATE

As we detail below, there have been several important updates since noon on Wednesday, April 29.

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- The NIH announced that preliminary results from the Remdesivir clinical trial indicate the treatment accelerates recovery from advanced COVID-19.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- The FDA established an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) pathway for COVID-19 antibody tests that have been evaluated in an independent validation study performance at the National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) National Cancer Institute (NCI), or by a designated government agency (WHG client summary).

ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

- ACL announced that CMS and ASPR have launched a toolkit to help states navigate COVID-19 workforce challenges.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- SBA updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for lenders and borrowers regarding the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The FAQs clarify SBA’s interpretation of the CARES Act, which established PPP, and of PPP interim final rules on eligibility, lender and borrower requirements, maximum loan amount, use of PPP loans, and other issues.