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Federal Update:

H.R. 7059, the Coronavirus Provider Protection Act, was introduced into Congress on May 28, 2020 by Reps. Phil Roe, MD, (R-TN) and Lou Correa (D-CA). This bill provides liability protection for healthcare providers for damages with respect to any harm caused by any act or omission of such healthcare professional or related healthcare entity in the course of arranging for or providing healthcare services during the COVID-19 public health emergency period.

See the link for more information about H.R. 7059 at: <https://bit.ly/3hqfdam>

Please click on this grassroots link and request support of H.R. 7059. For this bill to move, it needs bipartisan support and to increase the list of co-sponsors, feel free to forward this message to others. Together, we can make a strong voice. Thanks for your consideration.

Alaska Update:

Alaska S.B. 241 has passed the legislature – With its passage, a healthcare provider who takes action based on a standing order issued by the Chief Medical Officer in the DHSS related to essential public health services and functions for Covid-19, is **not** liable for civil damages resulting from an act or omission in implementing the standing order. Healthcare providers include a hospital, medical clinic/office, physician, physician assistant, nurse, etc. The immunity for liability does not apply to gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct.

The law is effective April 10, 2020.

See more information on Alaska S.B. 241 (cover page and page 15) in the following link: <https://bit.ly/3fkwyQl>

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