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## **CMS EXPANDS ACCELERATED AND ADVANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

Following passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116-136), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services temporarily has expanded its Accelerated and Advance Payment Program to increase cash flow to more Medicare Part A (hospital and hospice) and Medicare Part B (medical insurance) healthcare providers and suppliers.

## **CLIENT ALERT: CT CORP. OUTAGE COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR CLIENTS**

UPDATE (5/14/19): As of Tuesday, May 14, CT Corp. reports that all of its applications have been fully restored and are back online. CT Corp., which is a major provider of Registered Agent services for thousands of businesses nationwide, has been experiencing a massive system outage since Monday, May 6, 2019.

## **GENE PATENT PROTECTION STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS**

The Supreme Court recently ruled that naturally-occurring human genes are “products of nature” that are not eligible to be patented. At the same time, however, the Court held that artificially-created DNA, so-called complementary DNA or cDNA, is patent-able, because it is not naturally occurring.

## **ADVANCE AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

Maybe you’ve experienced this yourself or know someone who has, but it’s a situation that’s an all too common occurrence. Your child or other family member has been rushed to the hospital, you are desperate to find out his or her condition – and no one will tell you anything because of the privacy laws. It doesn’t matter if it’s a college age child or elderly parent; no amount of pleading or threats will get you the information you want.