

## HEALTH INDUSTRY PREPARES FOR END OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

The health care industry is preparing for the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) on May 11.

A PHE is, by definition, temporary, and there will be lingering questions after the COVID-19 PHE ends on Thursday at midnight.

For its part, CMS recently released guidance and updated frequently asked questions documents as the COVID-19 PHE's end approached.

The guidance lays out how waivers will end, and which ones could continue, for not only nursing homes but also hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, home health agencies, hospices, rural health clinics and federally qualified health clinics, end stage renal disease facilities and others.