

Dear ENT Advocacy Network Member:

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Legislative and political activity directly affects our practices and our patients. As a leading advocate for otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, we hope you enjoy reading this edition of *The ENT Advocate*, your premier source of advocacy information for the specialty!

Congress Takes Action to Pass Three Coronavirus Bills

During the month of March, _____ urged Congress to help otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons grappling with impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on their patients and their practices. Congress passed, and President Trump signed into law, three separate pieces of legislation to address the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 6, 2020, the first Coronavirus legislative package, [The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act 2020](#), was enacted into law. This legislation provided \$8.3 billion in emergency funding for federal agencies to immediately respond to the outbreak. Then, on March 18, 2020, the President signed, [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act](#), which focused on paid sick leave, tax credits, free COVID-19 testing, as well as expanding food assistance programs, increasing Medicaid funding, and unemployment assistance. Lastly, on March 27, 2020, President Trump signed [The CARES Act](#) into law. The CARES Act provides emergency relief to individuals and businesses during the COVID-19 crisis. The Act includes \$2.2 trillion in aid for small businesses and states.

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