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Medicare FFS Response to the 2018 California Wildfires MLN Matters Article — New

The President declared a state of emergency for the state of California, and the HHS Secretary declared a Public Health Emergency, which allows for a CMS programmatic waivers based on Section 1135 of the Social Security Act. An MLN Matters Special Edition Article on [Medicare Fee-for-Service \(FFS\) Response to the 2018 California Wildfires](#) is available. Learn about blanket waivers CMS issued for the impacted geographical areas. These waivers will prevent gaps in access to care for beneficiaries impacted by the emergency.

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