Puerto Rico Health Care Fairness, Accountability, and Beneficiary Access Act of 2019

- The bill provides Puerto Rico $15.1 billion in federal funding at an 83% FMAP for the Medicaid program for a five year period of FY 2020-FY2024.
  - For FY 2020-2024, requires Puerto Rico to cover four enhancement requirements (hospital payment increases, physician payment increase, Hep C drug coverage, Part B premiums for dual eligibles)
  - Reduces the Puerto Rico FMAP, not to exceed 5 percent, if Puerto Rico does not provide all four program enhancements
- Beginning in FY 2024,the bill allows for a 10 year transition period, at the end of which Puerto Rico receives the same financial treatment and FMAP as state Medicaid programs.
  - During that transition period, requires Puerto Rico to gradually cover the remaining mandatory benefits under Medicaid currently not covered by the territory.
- Requires the Governor to submit a Territory Transition Plan for approval by the Secretary of HHS. The plan shall include a detailed description of which program features (listed below) the territory will implement by which dates. The plan shall identify any challenges to implementation, including, but not limited to, infrastructure challenges, provider shortages, and financing challenges, and the Governor's plan to ameliorate any problems.
- During the transition period, requires Puerto Rico to cover mandatory populations as would be required of a state Medicaid program.
- Requires GAO to submit a report to Congress and the Secretary and to certify Puerto Rico's compliance with the Transition Plan.
  - In the event of non-compliance, requires Puerto Rico to submit a corrective action plan to remedy any noncompliance.
  - If Puerto Rico fails to fulfill the terms of a correction action plan, allows the Secretary to reduce the FMAP by 5 percent for each month the territory is out of compliance.
- Provides Puerto Rico a temporary increase in the administrative Medicaid matching rate to support the costs of administering the transition plan.