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The View from D.C: NAMI's Federal Legislative and Policy Update

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Presentation Overview

- **Legislative Action in 2020**
- **Administrative Action in 2020**
- **2020 Elections**

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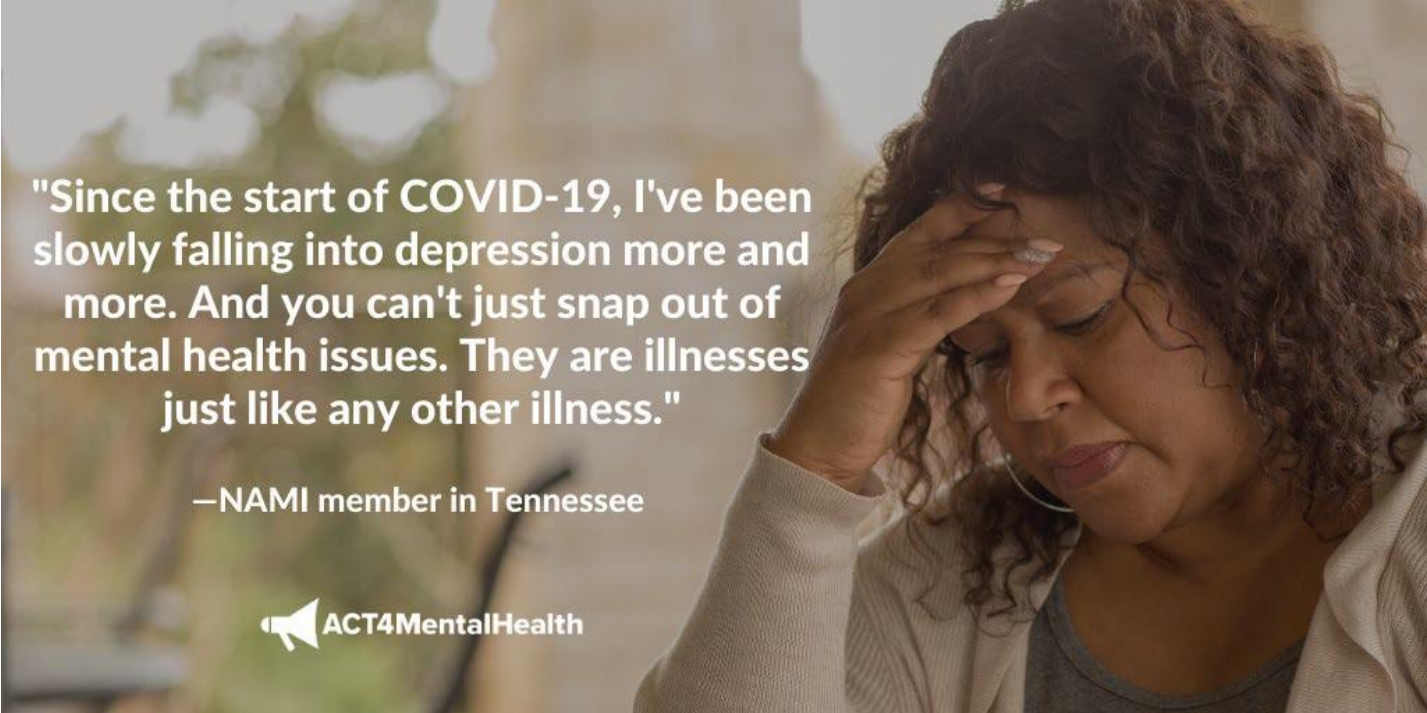
COVID-19 Relief Legislation

1. **March 6 – CPRSA Act – \$8.3 billion**
2. **March 18 – Families First – \$3.5 billion**
3. **March 27 – CARES Act - \$2 trillion**
4. **TBD**
 - April 24 – House Passed HEROES Act - \$3 trillion
 - Senate unlikely to act on HEROES Act



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NAMI Priorities - Next Package



"Since the start of COVID-19, I've been slowly falling into depression more and more. And you can't just snap out of mental health issues. They are illnesses just like any other illness."

—NAMI member in Tennessee



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NAMI Priorities - Next Package

- **SAMHSA Block Grant**
- **FMAP Increase**
- **Medicaid Reentry Act**
- **Emergency Rental Assistance**
- **Provider Relief Fund**
- **Telehealth Flexibilities**



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9-8-8 Legislation

- *National Suicide Hotline Designation Act*
- Designate 9-8-8 the nationwide number for a suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline
- Passed the Senate
- Advocacy in the House



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9-8-8 Legislation

During a crisis,
every minute counts.

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FY 2021 Appropriations

- Labor, Health and Human Services (Labor-HHS)
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs (Mil Con- VA)
- Transportation, Housing & Urban Development (T-HUD)



HHS Distribution of COVID-19 Provider Relief Funds

- **\$175 billion in Provider Relief Funds**
- **\$15 billion for Medicaid and CHIP providers**
- **Mental health providers largely left out**



COVID Telehealth Changes

- **Widespread expansion of telehealth**
- **HIPAA adjustments**
- **Medicare allowed coverage for audio-only phone services same as in-person**
- **Advocacy to make changes permanent**



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Affordable Care Act – Legal Challenge

- Supreme Court will again rule on constitutionality
- Could have drastic implications
- House Bill



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Medicaid

- **Block grant guidance issued**



- **Work requirements invalidated**



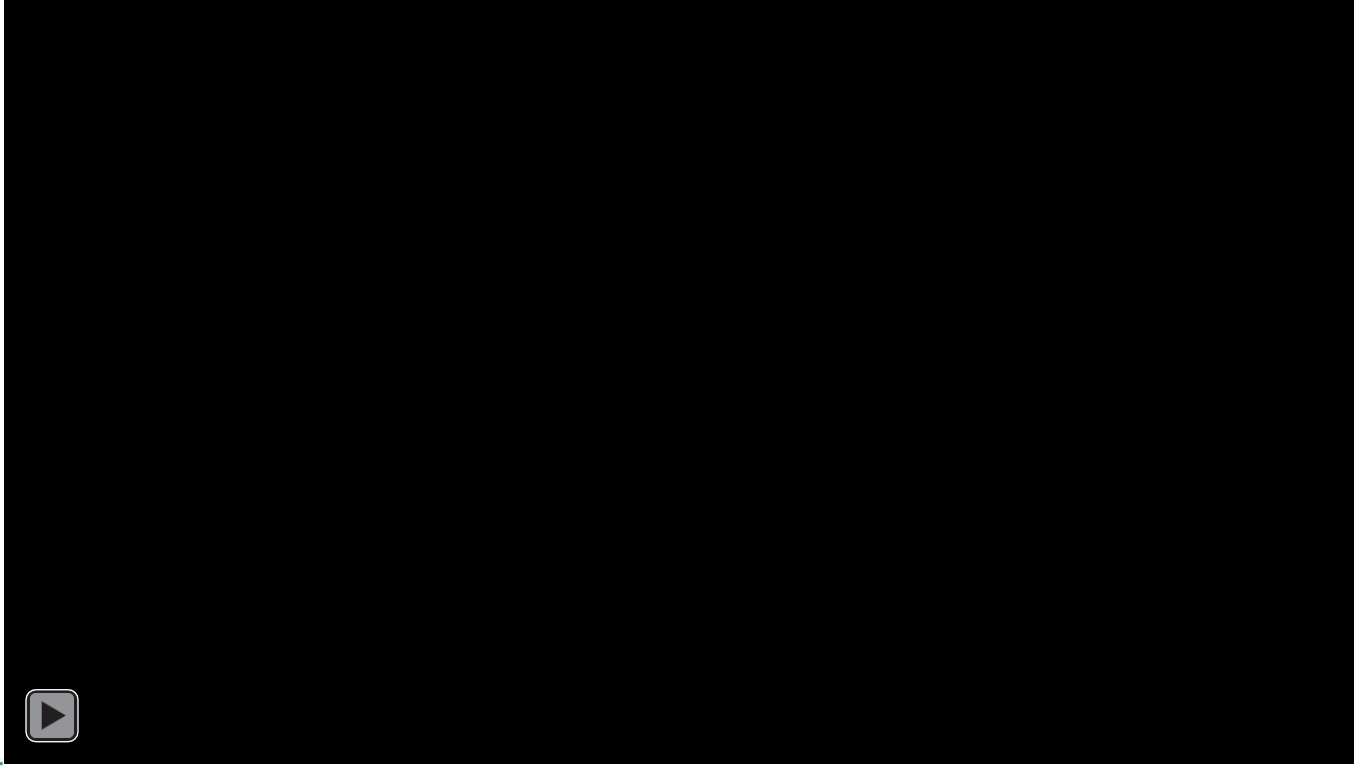
Anti-Discrimination

- **HHS rolls back anti-discrimination protections**
- **Supreme Court historic ruling on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**



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2020 Elections: #Vote4MentalHealth



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2020 Elections & Your Advocacy

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