

HHS Seeks Advice on Incentives to Bolster US-Made Health Supply

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The Trump administration is soliciting public input on possible incentives for hospitals to help strengthen the supply chain of medical supplies and key drugs made in the US.

The advance notice of proposed rulemaking (RIN [0938-AV72](#)), released Monday by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, said the agency is exploring the creation of a special designation for hospitals that procure their own domestic personal protective equipment and essential medicines.

Facilities receiving this label would be eligible for additional funding to offset the costs of acquiring these items.

The CMS also plans to measure how many of these essential medical products are procured by hospitals. Hospitals that report this data to the CMS would receive bonus payments by the agency.

The notice seeks comments on these proposals and solicits advice from the health industry on additional strategies the agency can take to meet its goals of advancing national security and strengthening domestic manufacturing capacity.

“The COVID-19 public health emergency exposed the dangers of depending on foreign countries for critical PPE and essential medicines, highlighting the need for domestic emergency preparedness,” CMS Administrator Mehmet Oz said in a statement.

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