

## Key Provisions of The Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act, H.R. 6800

As a faith-based network, the collective voice of Lutheran Services in America matters, and your actions are truly making a difference. A prime example of this is a number of specific provisions in H.R. 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act, several of which align with [our key priorities](#) for relief measures for nonprofit health and human services organizations. The HEROES Act calls for:

- Establishing a \$200 billion Heroes Fund to provide hazard pay for essential workers (including those at nonprofit organizations), such as health care and custodial workers in both in- and outpatient settings and nursing homes, home- and community-based health care workers, behavioral health workers, and childcare providers.
- Improving and expanding loan options for nonprofit organizations, including expanding eligibility for Paycheck Protection Program forgivable loans to include nonprofits with more than 500 employees, and expanding the Main Street Lending Program to include nonprofit organizations as eligible borrowers.
- Providing \$10 billion for COVID-19 emergency grants through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program.
- Appropriating \$9.6 billion to the Social Services Block Grant to provide emergency aid and services to disadvantaged children, families, and households.
- Increasing Social Services Block Grants to \$12.15 billion in 2020 and appropriating \$850 million to SSBG for child care and family care for essential workers, including “health care sector workers”.

This bill would also:

- Increase federal payments to state Medicaid programs for home and community-based services by 10 percentage points through June 2021.
- Increase Federal Medicaid Assistant Percentage (FMAP) payments to state Medicaid programs from a total of 6 to 14 percentage points.
- Include a 30% refundable payroll credit for certain pandemic-related employee benefit expenses paid by employers.
- Enhance the employee retention tax credit by increasing applicable percentage of qualified wages reimbursed through the credit from 50% to 80%.
- Increase the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit level by 15%.

Read the [full text of the bill](#).

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