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### Reassessing risk post public health emergency expiration

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With the expiration of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) declaration on May 11, 2023, compliance officers should take the opportunity to reassess their organization's risk now that the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General's (OIG) flexibilities have ended.<sup>[1]</sup>

HHS issued the PHE declaration on January 31, 2020, and subsequently released two policy statements and frequently asked questions (FAQs) designed to reduce burdens and give healthcare providers flexibility during the pandemic.<sup>[2]</sup> Flexibilities included:

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