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The COVID-19 pandemic has remained a major health threat longer than many thought it would be after vaccinations were approved in 2020. Count the IRS in this group. As a result, the agency has again extended use of electronic hearings to meet a requirement for approval of private activity bonds.

Private activity bonds—sometimes called conduit bonds—are tax-exempt bonds issued by or on behalf of a local or state government to provide special financing of certain projects. Typically, the financing is issued to further the project of a private party, such as financing for a football stadium.

Under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA), tax-exempt

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21, which allows for remote telephonic hearings to qualify as "public hearings," as required by TEFRA, for private activity bonds for the period beginning May 4, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020. Subsequently, the IRS released Revenue Procedure 2020-49, which extended the period until September 30, 2021.

Now Revenue Procedure 2021-39 further extends the period for using telephonic hearings until March 31, 2022. The latest reprieve came shortly before the October 1 deadline arrived. Hopefully, this will be the last extension required for this matter.

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