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## **ASTS Legislative and Regulatory Update September 26, 2017**

### **ASTS Comments on Legislation and Regulations**

Recently, ASTS has submitted the following:

- [ASTS Comments on ESRD Proposed Rule August 28, 2017](#)
- [ASTS Comments on 2018 Quality Payment Program Proposed Rule August 21, 2018](#)
- [ASTS Comments on Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule September 11, 2017](#)
- [ASTS Comments on Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule September 7, 2017](#)

### **Transplant Included in Senate Appropriations Bill**

ASTS' legislative and regulatory firm, Powers, has put together a summary memo on the Senate Appropriations Committee FY 2018 appropriations bill and report language. The appropriations bill includes a section about organ donation and liver allocation, highlighted on page 8 in the PDF.

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### **AMA Webinars on MIPS and Quality Improvement**

The AMA is holding two webinars this fall that may be of interest to ASTS members:

- ["Thriving Under MIPS – Where to start? Breaking down the complexity of MIPS"](#) October 18, 2017 at 1 p.m. Eastern
- ["Quality Improvement Webinar – Root-cause analysis: Digging deep to improve"](#) November 29, 2017, 1 p.m. Eastern.

## Legislative and Regulatory Resource

ASTS posts the [Legislative and Regulatory Report](#) compiled by the Powers law firm, along with past issues of the ASTS Legislative and Regulatory Update.

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