

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

March 27, 2017

Week in Brief

Health Reform: Senate and House Minority Leaders [Send](#) Letter to President Trump Asking Him to Work with Democrats to Improve the Affordable Care Act.

WHITE HOUSE UPDATE

March 29

Opioids: President Trump [Issues](#) Executive Order Establishing a Commission to Combat Drug Addiction.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Medical Devices: House Energy & Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Health [Holds](#) Hearing on Reauthorization of Medical Device User Fee (MDUFA) Program.

Medical Devices: House Energy & Commerce Committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone (D-NJ) [Calls](#) for Swift Reauthorization of MDUFA.

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Health Insurance: Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Bob Corker (R-TN) [Introduce](#) Legislation to Allow Individuals to Purchase Insurance Off-Exchange Using Tax Subsidy If Not Options Remain.

Medicare Advantage: Senate Finance Committee Republicans [Send](#) Letter to CMS Regarding Medicare Advantage.

FDA Commissioner Nominee: HELP Committee Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) [Releases](#) Statement on the Nominee for FDA Commissioner.

Alzheimer's Disease: Senate Aging Committee [Holds](#) Hearing on Alzheimer's Disease.

Opioid Crisis: House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR), Health Subcommittee Chairman Michael Burgess, MD (R-TX), and Oversight and Investigations

Subcommittee Chairman Tim Murphy (R-PA) [Issue](#) Statement on White House Actions on Opioid Epidemic.

Cancer Research: House Oversight and Government Reform Committee [Conducts](#) Hearing on Federally Funded Cancer Research.

HHS Budget: House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health & Human Services (HHS), Education, and Related Agencies [Holds](#) Hearing on HHS's Budget.

REGULATORY UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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CMS [Releases](#) Self-Referral Disclosure Protocol Forms.

April 3

CMS [Issues](#) Final Rule Entitled “Medicaid Program; Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments-Treatment of Third Party Payer in Calculating Uncompensated Care Costs.”

CMS [Proposes](#) to Delay the Effective Date of the “Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies” Final Rule.

JUDICIAL UPDATE

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The Supreme Court [Declines](#) to Hear Medicare Overpayment Ruling in *Vitreo Retinal Consultants of the Palm Beaches, PA v. HHS*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS/MARKUPS

SENATE

Judiciary Committee
[Nomination of the Honorable Neil M. Gorsuch to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States](#)

- April 3 | 10:00 a.m.
216 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
(HELP) Committee

FDA User Fee Agreements: Improving
Medical Product Regulation and Innovation
for Patients, Part II

- April 4 | 10:00 a.m.
430 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
(HELP) Committee

Nomination of Scott Gottlieb, MD, to serve
as Commissioner of Food and Drugs

- April 5 | 10:00 a.m.
430 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC