

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

January 9, 2017

Week in Brief

115th Congress [Commences](#) and [Certifies](#) the Electoral College Vote. In 234-193 Vote, House [Approves](#) Rule Package Including a Provision Aiding ACA Repeal.

President Barack Obama [Huddles](#) House and Senate Democrats to Discuss Protecting the ACA. Vice President-Elect Mike Pence [Huddles](#) House Republicans to Discuss Repealing the ACA.

WHITE HOUSE UPDATE

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Vice President Joe Biden [Plans](#) to Begin “National Conversation” Regarding Cancer Drug Costs.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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House Energy & Commerce Committee [Chairman Greg Walden](#) (R-OR) and House Ways & Means Committee [Chairman Kevin Brady](#) (R-TX) Release Statements on the 115th Congress.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) [Releases](#) Republican Committee Assignments for 115th Congress.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT) [Releases](#) Statement Welcoming Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA) to the Finance Committee.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Mike Enzi (R-WY) [Introduces](#) ACA Repeal Budget Resolution.

House Ways & Means Committee Ranking Member Richard Neal (D-MA) [Releases](#) Statement Concerning [House Republican Rules Package](#); House Energy & Commerce Committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone (D-NJ) [Issues](#) Statement on Rules Package.

House Ways & Means Committee Ranking Member Richard Neal (D-MA) [Announces](#) Brandon Casey as Democratic Chief of Staff for the Committee.

House Budget Committee [Posts](#) Press Release Entitled, “Obamacare: Reducing Quality and Innovation.”

House Veterans’ Affairs Committee Chairman Phil Roe (R-TN) [Releases](#) Statement on House Passage of the *Biological Implant Tracking and Veterans Safety Act of 2017*.

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House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-TX) [Welcomes](#) New Republican Committee Members David Schweikert (R-AZ), Jackie Walorski (R-IN), and Carlos Curbelo (R-FL).

House Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR) [Welcomes](#) New Republican Committee Members Buddy Carter (R-GA), Ryan Costello (R-PA), Tim Walberg (R-MI), and Mimi Walters (R-CA).

House Energy & Commerce Committee Select Investigative Panel [Releases](#) Final Report.

House Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR) [Releases](#) Statement Regarding President Barack Obama’s ACA Huddle with Democrats.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Mike Enzi (R-WY) [Welcomes](#) New Republican Committee Members: Senators Cory Gardner (R-CO), John Kennedy (R-LA) and John Boozman (R-AR).

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Mike Enzi (R-WY) [Releases](#) Statement Regarding Budget Resolution for ACA Repeal.

Senate Budget Committee Ranking Member Bernie Sanders (I-VT) [Releases](#) Statement Regarding the Potential Impact of GOP Budget Plan on Health Care.

House Members [Introduce](#) Bill to Repeal Medical Device Tax.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) [Welcomes](#) New Republican Committee Members John Moolenaar (R-MI), Dan Newhouse (R-WA), and Scott Taylor (R-VA).

January 5

House [Passes](#) H.R. 21, Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2017.

Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR) [Publishes](#) Remarks Calling ACA Repeal Plan a “Trojan Horse” Threatening American’s Health Care.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) [Calls](#) for Investigation into HHS Secretary Nominee Tom Price’s Stock Trades.

Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR) [Announces](#) Subcommittee Leadership in the 115th Congress.

House Ways and Means Committee Ranking Member Richard Neal (D-MA) [Welcomes](#) New Democratic Members to the Committee.

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House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-TX) [Announces](#) Republican Subcommittee Members in the 115th Congress.

REGULATORY UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

January 3

CMS [Releases](#) Final Rule, *Medicare Program; Advancing Care Coordination Through Episode Payment Models (EPMs); Cardiac Rehabilitation Incentive Payment Model; and Changes to the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Model (CJR)*.

January 4

CMS [Announces](#) 8.8 Million People Have Signed Up for Coverage Via HealthCare.Gov Since November 1st.

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CMS [Issues](#) Its Opioid Misuse Strategy.

HRSA [Issues](#) the Final 340B Drug Pricing Program Ceiling Price and Manufacturer Civil Monetary Penalties Rule.

ASPE [Releases](#) an Issue Brief Entitled, *Health Insurance Coverage for Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions: The Impact of the Affordable Care Act*.

CMS [Releases](#) Its CMS Innovation Center Report to Congress.

JUDICIAL UPDATE

December 31

United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Wichita Falls Division [Grants](#) a Preliminary Injunction Enjoining the Enforcement of a Rule's Prohibition Against Discrimination on the Basis of "Gender Identity" and "Termination of Pregnancy."

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

Senate HELP Committee Hearing for Congressman Tom Price (R-GA)

- Tentatively January 18

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NIH Clinical Center Research Hospital Board Meeting

Board Chair's overview, remarks from the NIH Director and the New CEO, clinical center focus groups, clinical center's census, clinical center patient and worker safety metrics, IT infrastructure and security, audits of delayed reporting—self-audit results and formal audit planning, facilities update.

- January 13 | 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
NIH
Conference Room 6C6
Building 31
Bethesda, MD 20892

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee Meeting

- January 12 | 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- January 13 | 9 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation,
Barbara Jordan Conference Center
1330 G St. NW
Washington, DC 20005

OTHER

The National Press Club's Luncheon with Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell

- January 9 | 12:30 p.m.
National Press Club
Holeman Lounge
529 14th St. NW, 13th Floor
Washington, DC 20045

AEI's Fixing Health Care: Practical Lessons from Business Leaders

- January 13 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
AEI, Auditorium
1789 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20036

Physician Assisted Suicide: Dangers for U.S. Health Care Briefing

- January 12 | 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
2361 Rayburn House Office Bldg.