

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

November 21, 2016

Week in Brief

House Passes Several Measures: [Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2016](#), [National Clinical Care Commission Act](#), [Improving Access to Maternity Care Act](#), [Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2015](#), and [Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016](#).

WHITE HOUSE UPDATE

November 20

Vice President-elect Mike Pence [Indicates](#) President-elect Donald Trump Will Prioritize ACA Repeal.

November 21

Tom Price (R-GA) [Emerges](#) as Lead Candidate for HHS Secretary Under the Trump Administration.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

November 14

Representatives John Shimkus (R-IL), Greg Walden (R-OR), and Joe Barton (R-TX) [Seek](#) Chairmanship Role in the House Energy & Commerce Committee.

November 16

Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) [Announces](#) Her Continued Leadership Role as Ranking Member of the Senate HELP Committee.

House Energy & Commerce Committee [Highlights](#) Support for the 21st Century Cures Act.

November 17

House Republicans [Indicate](#) They Will Commence Work on a Continuing Resolution for Government Funding through March 2017.

REGULATORY UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

November 14

HRSA [Seeks](#) Comments on a Proposed Information Collection Request Regarding the National Hospital Organ Donation Campaign Activity Scorecard.

November 15

CMS [Announces](#) Medicare Improper Payment Rate for Inpatient Hospital Claims Decreased by 58.3% from 2014 to 2016.

November 16

HHS [Expands](#) Access to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorders.

November 17

CMS [Launches](#) Newly-Developed Online Tool for Automatically Sharing Electronic Data for the Medicare Quality Payment Program.

Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy [Releases](#) Report Addressing Alcohol and Drug Misuse and Severe Substance Use Disorders.

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Future of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation [Remains](#) Uncertain.

OTHER ITEMS

November 15

GAO Releases a Forum Report, [*Highlights of a Forum: Preventing Illicit Drug Use*](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation Meeting

Presentations on public reporting of transplant center outcomes data, updates on OPTN activities, and a report on recent CMS efforts to identify approaches to care for ESRD patients.

- November 22 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Webinar and teleconference