

## NEWSLETTER May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

### Week in Brief

*Appropriations:* Congress [Adopts](#) Short-Term Continuing Resolution to Avoid Government Shutdown.

*Insurance:* United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia [Upholds](#) Lower Court's Decision Blocking Anthem-Cigna Merger.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### April 25<sup>th</sup>

*LGBTQ Health:* Senate HELP Committee Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) and 23 Senate Democrats [Reintroduce](#) the *Therapeutic Fraud Prevention Act*.

### April 26<sup>th</sup>

*Health Care Reform:* Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) [Releases](#) Statement on New House GOP Health Care Amendment. Finance Committee Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR) Also [Releases](#) Statement. House Budget Committee Ranking Member John Yarmuth (D-KY) Also [Releases](#) Statement. Senate HELP Committee Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) Also [Issues](#) Statement.

*Medicaid:* House Energy and Commerce Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) and Senate Finance Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR) [Send](#) Letter to CMS Requesting Information on CMS's Grant to the State of Florida.

*Cost Sharing Reductions:* Senate HELP Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) [Issues](#) Statement Regarding the Trump Administration's Decision on Cost-Sharing Subsidies.

*Public Health:* Senate HELP Committee [Passes](#) Four Bipartisan Public Health Bills.

### April 27<sup>th</sup>

*FDA Commissioner:* In a 14 to 9 Vote the Senate HELP Committee [Sends](#) the Nomination of Dr. Scott Gottlieb to be FDA Commissioner to Senate Floor; Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) [Issues](#) Statement in Response.

# REGULATORY UPDATE

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

April 27<sup>th</sup>

*Medicare:* CMS Issues Proposed Rules:

- [Medicare Program; FY 2018 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements.](#)
- [Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2018.](#)
- [Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2018, SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program, SNF Quality Reporting Program, Survey Team Composition, and Proposal to Correct the Performance Period for the NHSN HCP Influenza Vaccination Immunization Reporting Measure in the ESRD QIP for PY 2020.](#)
- [Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities: Revisions to Case-mix Methodology.](#)

*Data Collection:* CDC [Launches](#) the Healthy Behavior Data Challenge.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS/MARKUPS

Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee on Health  
[Examining Improvements to the Regulation of Medical Technologies](#)

- May 2 | 10:00 a.m.

2123 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations  
[Combating Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Medicaid's Personal Care Services Program](#)

- May 2 | 10:15 a.m.

2322 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Special Committee on Aging  
[Aging With Community: Building Connections that Last a Lifetime](#)

- May 10 | 2:30 p.m.

Dirksen Senate Office Building 562  
Washington, DC 20515