

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

May 9, 2016

Week in Brief

Congressional Recess during the Week of May 2; Senate Returns to Washington on May 9 and House Returns on May 10.

CMS [Issues](#) Final Rule to Update Certain Health Care Facilities' Fire Safety Standards.

WHITE HOUSE UPDATE

April 28

President Obama [Declares](#) May 2016 as National Mental Health Awareness Month.

May 3

White House [Releases](#) Fact Sheet, *Federal Support for the Flint Water Crisis Response and Recovery*.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

May 2

House Budget Chairman Tom Price (R-GA) and 241 Additional House Members [Sent](#) a Bipartisan Letter to CMS Requesting Withdrawal of the Proposed Part B Drug Payment Model.

May 3

House Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee Chairman Sam Johnson (R-TX) and Health Subcommittee Chairman Pat Tiberi (R-OH) [Sent](#) a Letter to Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew Requesting Overdue Social Security and Medicare Trustee Reports.

May 4

Senate HELP Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN) [Calls](#) Biomedical Innovations Package "Most Important Legislation This Year."

House Energy & Commerce Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) and House Ways & Means Chairman Kevin Brady (R-TX) [Issue](#) Subpoenas to HHS and OMB for ACA's Cost-Sharing Reduction Program Documents.

May 4

House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations [Announces](#) Continuation of Broad Review of Concussions at May 13 Hearing Examining Youth Sports.

May 6

Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) [Calls](#) for Congress to Take Action against Zika Virus Before it becomes a Crisis in the U.S.

REGULATORY UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

May 2

CMS [Posts](#) Final Quality Measure Development Plan.

Francis Collins, Director of NIH, [Discusses](#) the NIH PMI Cohort Program and the Cancer Moonshot Initiative at the Bloomberg Government Data Analytics Event.

OIG [Releases](#) April 2016 Monthly Update Podcast.

May 3

CDC [Releases](#) Report, *Vital Signs: National and State-Specific Patterns of Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Treatment among Insured Children Aged 2–5 Years — United States, 2008–2014*.

CDC [Publishes](#) Study in *JAMA* Finding at Least 30 Percent of Prescribed Antibiotics are Unnecessary.

CMS [Announces](#) Requirements and Registration for the MIPS Mobile Challenge.

Andy Slavitt, Acting Administer of CMS, [Delivers](#) Speech at the American Hospital Association's Annual Membership Meeting.

National Institute of Nursing Research [Releases](#) New Resources for Families with Seriously Ill Children as Part of its Palliative Care: Conversations Matter Campaign.

SAMSHA [Declares](#) May 15-21 as National Prevention Week.

May 4

HHS [Awards](#) Over \$260 Million to 290 Health Centers Across the Country for Facility Renovation, Expansion, or Construction.

May 4

CDC [Releases](#) Report, *Access to Care Among Adults Aged 18-64 With Serious Psychological Distress: Early Release of Estimates from the National Health Interview Survey, 2012- September 2015*.

CDC Seeks Nominations for Candidates to Serve on the [Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection and Control Advisory Committee \(BCCEDCAC\)](#) and the [Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee \(HICPAC\)](#).

FDA Advisers [Recommend](#) Mandatory Training for Physicians Who Prescribe Opioid Painkillers.

Vivek Murthy, U.S. Surgeon General, [Calls](#) for More Comprehensive Training for Physicians Prescribing Opioids.

May 5

CMS [Announces](#) Flexibility to Revising Proposed Medicare Part B Drug Payment Changes.

CMS [Announces](#) Data Initiatives Updates Increased Medicare Program Transparency.

CMS [Issues](#) Report, *Medicaid Managed Care Enrollment and Program Characteristics, 2014*.

CMS [Releases](#) Physician and Other Supplier Utilization and Payment Public Use Data on Medicare Part B.

May 6

CMS [Issues](#) Final Rule, *Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Programs; Medicaid Managed Care, CHIP Delivered in Managed Care, and Revisions Related to Third Party Liability*.

CMS [Seeks](#) Comments on Information Collection Activities Concerning ESRD Network Semi-Annual Cost Report Forms and Supporting Regulations; Organ Procurement Organization's Health Insurance Benefits Agreement and Supporting Regulations; and CMS Innovation Partners Program Applications and Surveys.

May 8

Office of Women's Health [Highlights](#) National Women's Health Week; Begins on May 8.

OTHER UPDATE

CRS Releases Reports

- [*Health Care for Veterans: Answers to Frequently Asked Questions.*](#) (Apr. 21)
- [*Synthetic Drugs: Overview and Issues for Congress.*](#) (May 3)

GAO Releases Report

- [*Medicaid Program Integrity: Improved Guidance Needed to Better Support Efforts to Screen Managed Care Providers.*](#) (May 6)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS/MARKUPS

SENATE

Finance

[Can Evidence Based Practices Improve Outcomes for Vulnerable Individuals and Families?](#)

- May 10 | 2 p.m.
215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

[Hearing to Consider the Nominations of the Honorable Charles P. Blahous III and the Honorable Robert D. Reischauer](#)

- May 11 | 3 p.m.
215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

HOUSE

Energy & Commerce

[Health Care Solutions: Increasing Patient Choice and Plan Innovation](#)

- May 11 | 10 a.m.
2322 Rayburn House Office Building

[Concussions in Youth Sports: Evaluating Prevention and Research](#)

- May 13 | 9:30 a.m.
2123 Rayburn House Office Building

Ways & Means

[Implementation of Medicare Access & CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 \(MACRA\)](#)

- May 11 | 2 p.m.
1100 Longworth House Office

Veterans' Affairs

[Combating the Crisis: Evaluating Efforts to Prevent Veteran Suicide](#)

- May 12 | 10 a.m.
334 Cannon House Office Building

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children

Presentations and discussions on newborn screening, long-term follow-up, the Newborn Sequencing in Genomic Medicine and Public Health projects, screening for lysosomal storage disorders, and prenatal education regarding newborn screening bloodspots, among others.

- May 9 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- May 10 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fishers Lane Conference Center
Terrace Level
5635 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20852
and via webcast

Meeting of the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health

Meeting description will be published closer to the meeting date.

- May 9 | 8:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- May 10 | 8:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
CDC Washington Office
Room 9000
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20201
and via teleconference

National Provider Call, MACRA Listening Session: Quality Payment Program Proposed Rule

An opportunity for stakeholders to provide CMS early feedback on proposed policy for the Quality Payment Program.

- May 10 | 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
via teleconference

Meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Biotechnology Information

- May 10 | 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 2 - 3 p.m.
National Library of Medicine
Building 38, 2nd Floor
The Lindberg Room
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20892

Meeting of the Frederick National Laboratory Advisory Committee to the National Cancer Institute

Discussion of ongoing and new activities.

- May 11 | 8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
National Cancer Institute
Shady Grove
Conference Room TE406
9609 Medical Center Drive
Rockville, MD 20850
and via webcast

The Merit- Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Overview

An opportunity for stakeholders to learn about MIPS and provide CMS with initial feedback on the proposed policy for the Quality Payment Program.

- May 11 | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
via teleconference

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences Meeting

Report from the Institute Director and other staff.

- May 12 | 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
NIH
Conference Room 10
Building 31, C Wing
45 Center Drive
Bethesda, MD 20892

Understanding the IMPACT Act-Patient and Family Focused for Informed Decision Making

Discussion on the IMPACT Act.

- May 12 | 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Teleconference

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda will be posted on the CFSAC website.

- May 17 | 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- May 18 | 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
via webinar

Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Public Meeting

Discussion on preliminary coding and payment determinations for new public requests for HCPCS revisions.

- May 17 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- May 18 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- May 19 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- June 1 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- June 2 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
CMS Main Auditorium
Central Building
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244

National Advisory Council on Migrant Health

Discussion on the services and issues related to the health of migratory and seasonal agricultural workers and their families and formulation of recommendations.

- May 17 | 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- May 18 | 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Bethesda
7400 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814

Can CER Help Answer Questions About Hepatitis C? A PCORI Stakeholder Workshop

Stakeholder discussion on additional PCORI investments.

- May 18 | 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
via webinar

National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council Meeting

Presentation on the Director's Report and other scientific presentations.

- May 18 | 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
NIH
Room 10, Conference Center
6th Floor, Building 31, C Wing
31 Center Drive
Bethesda, MD 20892

Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections Meeting

Presentation of a summary of public comment received on Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects; draft work products, including considerations for single IRB review and minimal risk informed consent models; and recommendations on clustered randomized trials, the return of individual research results, and benchmarking.

- May 18 | 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- May 19 | 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Fishers Lane Conference Center
Terrace Level
5635 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20852

2015 Mid-Year QRURs Webcast

Overview of the 2015 MYQRURs and explanation of how to interpret and use the information.

- May 19 | 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
via webcast

Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering

Discussion on the report from the Institute Director, presentation of task force reports, and scientific presentation.

- May 19 | 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
The William F. Bolger Center
Franklin Building
Classroom 15/16
9600 Newbridge Drive
Potomac, MD 20854

Council of Councils Meeting

Agenda includes NIH updates, Undiagnosed Disease Network, Zika virus, updates from NHGRI, NIH Precision Medicine Initiative Cohort Program; input on the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Strategic Plan; update on Common Fund Program.

- May 20 | 8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- May 20 | 2 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.
NIH
Conference Room 19
6th Floor
Building 31, C Wing
45 Center Drive
Bethesda, MD 20892

Meeting of the National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council

Discussion of program policies and issues and the report of the Director, NIGMS.

- May 20 | 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
NIH
Conference Rooms E1 & E2
Natcher Building
45 Center Drive
Bethesda, MD 20892
and via videocast

PCORI Board of Governors Meeting

Location and agenda to be posted.

- May 23 | 10:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
and via teleconference/ webinar

Meeting of the National Institute of Aging Board of Scientific Counselors

- May 24 | 8:15 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- May 25 | 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m.
National Institute on Aging
Biomedical Research Center
3rd Floor Conference Room
251 Bayview Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21224
Select sessions open to the public.

Meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS

Discussions of Health System Transformations, the Updated National HIV/AIDS Strategy, and food as medicine.

- May 24 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- May 25 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Hubert H. Humphrey Building
Room 800
200 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20201

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Subcommittee on Privacy, Confidentiality & Security Meeting

Gather industry input on existing guidance and limitations of the de-identification methodologies of protected health information to make recommendations to the Secretary.

- May 24 | 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- May 25 | 9 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Hubert H. Humphrey Building
Room 705A
200 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20201

Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community- Based Linkages

Discussion on the next report on enhancing community-based clinical training.

- May 25 | 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- May 26 | 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Location TBD
and via webinar

National Advisory Mental Health Council Meeting

Presentation of the NIHM Director's Report and discussion of program and policy issues.

- May 26 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
NIH
Neuroscience Center
6001 Executive Boulevard
Rockville, MD 20852

Meeting of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Report by NINDS Director, report by the Associate Director for Extramural Research, administrative and program developments, and overview of NINDS Intramural Program.

- May 26 | 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
NIH
Room 10
Building 31, C-Wing, 6th Floor
31 Center Drive
Bethesda, MD 20892

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development Meeting

Report from the Scientific Director, NICHD, on the status of the NICHD Division of Intramural Research, talks by various intramural scientists, and current organizational structure.

- June 3 | 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
NIH
Conference Room 24A8
Building 31A
31 Center Drive
Bethesda, MD 20892

Meeting of the PubMed Central National Advisory Committee

Meeting to review and analyze systems.

- June 7 | 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
National Library of Medicine
The Lindberg Room
Building 38, 2nd Floor
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20892

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

Discussion of program policies.

- June 7 | 8:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
NIH
Building 31, C-Wing, 6th Floor
31 Center Drive
Bethesda, MD 20892

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development Meeting

Discuss administrative matters, Director's Report, Division of Extramural Research Report, and other business of the Council.

- June 9 | 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
NIH
Conference Room 6
Building 31, C-Wing, 6th Floor
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20892

Advisory Committee to the Director, NIH Meeting

Reports by NIH Director, ACD Working Group, IC Director.

- June 9 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- June 10 | 9 a.m. - adjournment
NIH
Room 6C6
Building 31, C-Wing, 6th Floor
31 Center Drive
Bethesda, MD 20892

Meeting of the President's Cancer Panel

Examination of the cancer drug cost and access landscape.

- June 10 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
New York Hilton Midtown
1335 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10019

Kidney Interagency Coordinating Committee Meeting

Discuss kidney programs in KICC member organizations and identify opportunities for collaboration; focus on improving access to kidney transplantation.

- June 17 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
NIH
Natcher Conference Center
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20892

Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee

The Committee will discuss recommendations regarding treatment strategies for patients with lower extremity chronic venous disease.

- July 20 | 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
CMS
Main Auditorium
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244
and via webcast

Patient-Focused Drug Development for Patients Who Have Received an Organ Transplant Meeting

Discussion of patient perspectives on impact of receiving an organ transplant and on treatment approaches as well as issues related to scientific challenges in developing drugs to manage organ transplantation.

- September 27 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
FDA White Oak Campus
Building 31, Conference Center
The Great Room (Rm. 1503)
10903 New Hampshire Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20993

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Commission of Care Meeting

- May 9 | 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- May 10 | 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- May 11 | 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
J.W. Marriott,
Jr. ASAE Conference Center
1575 I Street NW
Washington, DC 20005

Special Medical Advisory Group Meeting

Review the potential policy requiring physicians provide a 90 day notification when they leave the VA, *Pay for Performance*, and *best practice dissemination project*.

- May 25 | 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Department of Veterans Affairs
Central Office
810 Vermont Ave. NW
Room 230
Washington, DC 20420

Clinical Science Research and Development
Service Cooperative Studies Scientific
Evaluation Committee Meeting

Discussion of administrative matters and the general status of the program.

- June 29 | 8:30 a.m. – 10:15 p.m.
American Association of Airport
Executives
601 Madison Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

OTHER

A New Era of Reform: Health Care Policy
Solutions for 2017 and Beyond

- May 10 | 10:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Cannon Caucus Room
Cannon House Office Building
27 Independence Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20003

Educational Series on Affordable Medicines:
Impact of Federal Policy on Innovation,
Competition, and Costs

- May 10 | 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Bipartisan Policy Center
1225 Eye Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Outside, In: Unhealthy Hacking: Medical
Privacy in the Age of Cyber Attacks

- May 10 | 5:15 p.m.
District Architecture Center
421 7th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004

2016 Antitrust in Healthcare Conference

- May 12 | 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- May 13 | 7 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Ritz Carlton Pentagon City
1250 S. Hayes Street
Arlington, VA 22202

A National Response to Hepatitis C
Treatment among the Hard to Reach, Hard
to Treat

Hepatitis Foundation International's Call to Action.

- May 18 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Crowne Plaza
The Hamilton
1001 14th Street NW
Washington, DC 20005