

## LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

### May 16, 2016

#### Week in Brief

House [Passes](#) Package of Bills to Combat the Opioid Abuse Epidemic; Including 11 Energy & Commerce Committee Bills.

House [Passes](#) S. 524, the *Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act*, a Bill to Address America's Opioid Crisis; Amends Include 4 House Judiciary Committee Bills.

HHS Secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell, National Coordinator for Health IT DeSalvo, and Vice President Biden [Speak](#) at 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Datapalooza Conference.

## WHITE HOUSE UPDATE

**May 13**

Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Michael Botticelli, [Posts](#) a Blog Calling for More Resources from Congress to Address the Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic.

**May 14**

President Obama and Hip Hop Artist Macklemore [Discuss](#) the Nation's Opioid Abuse Epidemic.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**May 9**

Senate Veterans' Affairs Chairman Johnny Isakson (R-GA) [Urges](#) Senate Colleagues to Support [S. 2921](#), the *Veterans First Act*, a Bill Improve the Accountability of Employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to Improve Health Care and Benefits for Veterans, and for Other Purposes.

**May 10**

House Energy & Commerce Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) [Releases](#) a [Report](#) Chronicling CMS Acting Administrator Andy Slavitt's Misleading Testimony at an Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee [Hearing](#) in December of 2015.

## May 10

House Energy & Commerce Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) [Pens](#) Blog, *The Opioid Epidemic: What We've Learned and What We're Doing*.

House Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) [Touts](#) House Passage of Four Bills Targeting the Opioid Epidemic.

House Veterans' Affairs Chairman Jeff Miller (R-FL) [Applauds](#) House Passage of [H.R. 4063](#), the *Jason Simcakoski Promoting Responsible Opioid Management and Incorporating Scientific Expertise (PROMISE) Act*, a Bill to Address Opioid Abuse in the VA Health System.

## May 11

Senate HELP Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) and 16 Additional Senate Democrats [Sent](#) a Letter to FDA Commissioner Califf and HHS Secretary Burwell Lauding the Recently Released FDA Rule Intended to Protect Children and Teens from Tobacco Products.

Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) and House Energy & Commerce Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) [Deliver](#) Keynote Addresses at *The Hill's Targeted Cures: A Policy Discussion on Treating Patients with Rare Diseases*.

House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) [Pens](#) Op-Ed Addressing the Need to Take Swift Action against Opioid Abuse.

## May 12

Senate Budget Committee [Releases](#) Bulletin on Budget Process Reform Proposals under Consideration in the Senate.

Senate Finance Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) [Follow-up](#) on ACA Reinsurance Payments Information Request with HHS Secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell and Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew.

Senate Finance Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR) and HELP Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) [Issue](#) Joint Statement Following a Federal Ruling Against the Administration's ACA Cost Sharing Reduction Payments.

House Minority Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) [Remarks](#) on the Urgent Need for Zika Virus Funding to Combat a Public Health Crisis at a Hearing of the House Democrat Steering & Policy Committee.

House Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) [Applauds](#) House Passage of [H.R. 5046](#), the *Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act*, a Bill to Prevent and Treat Opioid Addiction.

House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady (R-TX) [Releases](#) Statement Following a Federal Ruling Against the Administration's ACA Cost Sharing Reduction Payments.

## LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

BILL NUMBER/ RELATED BILLS	TITLE or SHORT SUMMARY	ORIGINAL SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEES	LATEST ACTION
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 4063</u></a> / <a href="#"><u>H.R. 271</u></a> / <a href="#"><u>S. 524</u></a> / <a href="#"><u>S. 1641</u></a>	<i>Promoting Responsible Opioid Management and Incorporating Scientific Expertise (Jason Simcakoski PROMISE) Act</i>	Reps. Bilirakis [R-FL-12]; Kind [D-WI-3]; Rice [D-NY-4]; Walorski [R-IN-2]; McKinley [R-WV-1]; Bost [R-IL-12]; Coffman [R-CO-6]; Ross [R-FL-15]; Ryan [D-OH-13]; Radewagen [R-AS-At Large]; Crawford [R-AR-1]; Mica [R-FL-7]; Frankel [D-FL-22]; Kuster [D-NH-2]; McCaul [R-TX-10]; and Walz [D-MN-1]	Veterans' Affairs; Armed Services	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs 5/11/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 5048</u></a> / <a href="#"><u>S. 524</u></a>	<i>Good Samaritan Assessment Act of 2016</i>	Rep. Guinta [R-NH-1]	Judiciary	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary 5/11/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 5052</u></a> / <a href="#"><u>S. 524</u></a>	<i>Opioid Program Evaluation (OPEN) Act</i>	Reps. McCarthy [R-CA-23] and Hoyer [D-MD-5]	Energy & Commerce; Judiciary	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary 5/11/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 3680</u></a> / <a href="#"><u>H.R. 4396</u></a> / <a href="#"><u>H.R. 4435</u></a> / <a href="#"><u>S. 2562</u></a>	<i>Co-Prescribing to Reduce Overdoses Act of 2015</i>	Rep. Sarbanes [D-MD-3]	Energy & Commerce	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the HELP Committee 5/11/2016

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<a href="#"><u>H.R. 4641 / S. 524</u></a>	To provide for the establishment of an inter-agency task force to review, modify, and update best practices for pain management, prescribing pain medication, and for other purposes.	Reps. Brooks [R-IN-5] and Kennedy [D-MA-4]	Energy & Commerce	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the HELP Committee 5/12/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 4978</u></a>	<i>Nurturing and Supporting Healthy Babies Act</i>	Reps. Jenkins [R-WV-3]; Bustos [D-IL-17]; Costello [R-PA-6]; Kuster [D-NH-2]; Wagner [R-MO-2]; Poliquin [R-ME-2]; Womack [R-AR-3]	Energy & Commerce	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the HELP Committee 5/12/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 3680 / H.R. 4396 / H.R. 4435 / S. 2562</u></a>	<i>Co-Prescribing to Reduce Overdoses Act of 2015</i>	Rep. Sarbanes [D-MD-3]	Energy & Commerce	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the HELP Committee 5/12/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 3691 / H.R. 4396 / H.R. 4435 / S. 2226 / S. 2562</u></a>	<i>Improving Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Act of 2015</i>	Reps. Lujan [D-NM-3]; Tonko [D-NY-20]; Clarke [D-NY-9]; Matsui [D-CA-6]; and Cardenas [D-CA-29]	Energy & Commerce	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the HELP Committee 5/12/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 1818</u></a>	<i>Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2016</i>	Reps. Kinzinger [R-IL-16] and Capps [D-CA-24]	Energy & Commerce	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the HELP Committee 5/12/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 4969</u></a>	<i>John Thomas Decker Act</i>	Reps. Meehan [R-PA-7]; Kind [D-WI-3]; Rooney [R-FL-17]; Veasey [D-TX-33]	Energy & Commerce	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the HELP Committee 5/12/2016

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<a href="#"><u>H.R. 4586</u></a>	<i>Lali's Law</i>	Reps. Dold [R-IL-10] and Clark [D-MA-5]	Energy & Commerce	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the HELP Committee 5/12/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 4599 / S. 2578</u></a>	<i>Reducing Unused Medications Act of 2016</i>	Reps. Clark [D-MA-5] and Stivers [R-OH-5]	Energy & Commerce	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the HELP Committee 5/12/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 4976</u></a>	<i>The Opioid Review Modernization Act</i>	Reps. Maloney [D-NY-18] and Lance [R-NJ-7]	Energy & Commerce	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the HELP Committee 5/12/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 4982</u></a>	<i>Examining Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Act of 2016</i>	Reps. Foster [D-IL-11] and Pallone [D-NJ-6]	Energy & Commerce	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the HELP Committee 5/12/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 4981</u></a>	<i>Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act</i>	Reps. Bucshon [R-IN-8] and Tonko [D-NY-20]	Energy & Commerce; Judiciary	Passed by the House; Received in the Senate and referred to the HELP Committee 5/12/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 5046</u></a>	<i>Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act</i>	Reps. Sensenbrenner [R-WI-5]; Jackson Lee [D-TX-18]; Goodlatte [R-VA-6]; Conyers [D-MI-13]; Chabot [R-OH-1]; Ryan [D-OH-13]; Forbes [R-VA-4]; Bishop [R-MI-8]; and Guinta [R-NH-1]	Judiciary	Passed by the House 5/12/2016

# REGULATORY UPDATE

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### May 6

CMS [Announces](#) Information Collection Request on New Self-Referral and Stark Law Disclosure Form.

CMS [Announces](#) Recovery Audit Contractors will have Additional Documentation Limits for Providers with High Claims Denial Rates.

### May 9

HHS Secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell [Announces](#) "A Bill You Can Understand" Challenge to Encourage Health Care Organizations, Designers, Developers, Tech Companies and Other Innovators to Design a Medical Bill to Improve Medical Billing Process and is Easier for Patients to Understand.

NIH [Seeks](#) to Replace Senior Leadership After Independent Review Finds Significant Operational and Safety Problems.

### May 11

HHS is [Developing](#) Guidance for Health Care Organizations on How to Prepare For and Respond To Ransomware Attacks.

HHS [Issues](#) Interim Final Rule with Comment Period for Amendments to the ACA's Special Enrollment Period.

HHS [Issues](#) Final Rule on National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) Regulations, Policies, and Guidance for Grantees.

NIH [Appoints](#) Patricia Flatley Brennan, R.N., Ph.D. as Director of the National Library of Medicine.

### May 12

CMS Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Patrick Conway, [Shares](#) Independent Evaluation Reports of Round One Health Care Innovation Awards.

CMS [Posts](#) 2014 Physician and Other Supplier Utilization and Payment Data.

HHS [Announces](#) Re-Establishment of the Physical Activity Guidelines Advisory Committee and the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives Federal Advisory Committees.

## May 13

CDC [Announces](#) States and Territories Can Apply for Funds to Protect Against the Zika Virus.

HHS [Releases](#) Final Rule on the Nondiscrimination Policies for the Affordable Care Act.

HHS [Issues](#) a Request for Information to Assist the National Cancer Advisory Board Blue Ribbon Panel in Addressing Cancer Research Challenges.

## JUDICIARY UPDATE

### May 12

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia [Finds](#) Two Funding Provision's of the Affordable Care Act to be Illegal.

## OTHER UPDATE

### May 9

National Governors Association [Releases](#) a Statement Urging the Administration and Congress to Reach an Agreement on Funding to Combat the Zika Virus.

#### GAO Releases Reports

- [\*Medicare Advantage: Fundamental Improvements Needed in CMS's Effort to Recover Substantial Amounts of Improper Payments.\*](#)
- [\*Medicaid and CHIP: Increased Funding in U.S. Territories Merits Improved Program Integrity Efforts.\*](#)

### May 11

#### GAO Releases Reports

- [\*Veterans' Health Care: Proper Plan Needed to Modernize System for Paying Community Providers.\*](#)
- [\*Medicare Advantage: Actions Needed to Ensure Appropriate Payments for Veterans and Nonveterans.\*](#)

### May 12

Harvard T.H. Chan School Of Public Health [Finds](#) the CMS Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program Does Not Improve 30-Day Mortality for Acute Myocardial Infarction, Heart Failure and Pneumonia.

CRS [Releases](#) Report: *Active Opioid Legislation in the House: In Brief.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS/MARKUPS

### SENATE

#### Senate Summit on Mental Health

- May 26 | 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
902 Hart Senate Office Building

#### **Appropriations**

#### Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

- June 8 | 10:30 a.m.  
124 Dirksen Senate Office Building

### HOUSE

#### **Energy & Commerce**

#### The Obama Administration's Medicare Drug Experiment: The Patient and Doctor Perspective

- May 17 | 10 a.m.  
2123 Rayburn House Office Building

#### **Ways & Means**

#### Tax-Related Proposals to Improve Health Care

- May 17 | 10 a.m.  
1100 Longworth House Office Building

#### The Heroin Epidemic and Parental Substance Abuse: Using Evidence and Data to Protect Kids from Harm

- May 18 | 2 p.m.  
1100 Longworth House Office Building

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### 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  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Building 31, C Wing  
31 Center Drive  
Bethesda, MD 20892

### Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections Meeting

Presentation 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  
6<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 National Vaccine Advisory Committee

Discussions on the barriers and scientific challenges to the development of new and improved vaccines, a presentation from the NVAC Maternal Immunization Working Group, and an update on immunization priorities at the local level.

- June 7 | TBD
- June 8 | TBD  
Hubert H. Humphrey Building  
The Great Hall  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20201

### National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Meeting

Discussion of administrative matters, Director's report, NIH Health Disparities update, and other business of the Council.

- June 7 | 8 a.m. – adjournment  
NIH  
Conference Room 6  
Building 31  
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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 10  
Building 31, C-Wing, 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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

### National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council Meeting

A discussion of program policies and issues.

- June 15 | 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
NIH  
Porter Neuroscience Research Center  
Building 35A  
Convent Drive  
Bethesda, MD 20892

### Intramural Research at the NIH with the Chairpersons of the Boards of Scientific Counselors Meeting

A discussion of policies and procedures that apply to the regular review of NIH intramural scientists and their work.

- June 17 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
NIH  
Room 7  
Building 31, C-Wing, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
31 Center Drive  
Bethesda, MD 20892

### 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

Discussion of 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

### Developing Solutions for the Next Generation of Veteran Care

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

- May 16 | 8 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
- May 17 | 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- May 18 | 7:20 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sheraton Pentagon City  
601 Madison Street  
900 S. Orme Street  
Arlington, VA 22204

### 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

### Advancing Women's Heart Health Trough Policy and Research Congressional Briefing

WomenHeart presents recommendations from the first National Policy & Science Summit on Women's Cardiovascular Health.

- May 17 | 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.  
U.S. Capitol Visitors Center  
First Street, NE & East Capitol Street  
Washington, DC 20515

### National Coalition for Maternal Mental Health Briefing

The largest gathering of advocates, mothers, fathers, family members and survivors of a maternal mental health complications share their stories with Congress.

- May 17 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
U.S. Capitol

### Hepatitis Foundation International's Call to Action

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

### The Future of the Individual and Small Group Markets

Health Affairs holds a forum on the state of the individual and small group health insurance markets.

- May 18 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Kaiser Permanente  
Center for Total Health  
700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20002

### FDA FY 2016 Regulatory Science Initiatives Part 15 Public Meeting

FDA holds a public meeting that will provide an overview of the current status of the regulatory science initiatives for generic drugs and will provide an opportunity for public input on research priorities in these topic areas.

- May 20 | 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