

## LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

### June 21, 2016

#### Week in Brief

Administration [Outlines](#) Actions to Reduce the Organ Waiting List.

MedPAC Releases Its [June 2016 Report to the Congress: Medicare and the Health Care Delivery System](#).

## WHITE HOUSE UPDATE

### June 13

American Society of Transplant Surgeons [Announces](#) Several New Initiatives at the White House Organ Summit, Including Partnerships for the Development of a Coalition to Support Living Donors; Research Grant Funding; Development of a Transplant Therapeutics Consortium; and Development of an Anonymous, Non-Designated Living Donor Database.

White House [Holds](#) Organ Summit.

### June 14

White House [Announces](#) No Intention to Lift Gay Men Blood Donation Restrictions.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### June 13

Senators Mark Kirk (R-IL) and John Cornyn (R-TX) [Introduce](#) S. 3052, *Veterans Transplant Coverage Act of 2016* to Ensure that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Choice Act Covers Living Donor Transplants.

### June 14

House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations [Holds](#) a Hearing on the Public Health Response to Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria.

House Energy & Commerce Committee Holds Markup and [Passes](#) H.R. 2646, *Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2015*.

House Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) and House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-TX) [Send](#) a Letter to Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew Regarding the Investigation into the Implementation of the ACA's Cost-Sharing Reduction Program.

## June 15

House Ways & Means Committee [Advances](#) Seven Bills Concerning Health Care Spending and Repealing Certain ACA Provisions.

Zika Conference Committee [Gathers](#) to Negotiate a Zika Virus Response Package.

## June 16

Senate [Votes](#) 95-1 to Establish Conference Committee with the House on Opioid Bills.

## June 17

Tribal Leaders and Congress [Call](#) for Greater Transparency and Accountability from the Indian Health Service Following a U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Hearing.

## LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

BILL NUMBER/ RELATED BILLS	TITLE or SHORT SUMMARY	ORIGINAL SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEES	LATEST ACTION
<a href="#">S. 3052</a>	<i>Veterans Transplant Coverage Act of 2016</i>	Sens. Kirk [R-IL] and Cornyn [R-TX]	Veterans' Affairs	Introduced 6/13/2016
<a href="#">H.R. 5337</a>	<i>Veteran Prescription Continuity Act</i>	Reps. O'Rourke [D-TX-16]; Coffman [R-CO-6]; Rice [D-NY-4]; and Titus [D-NV-1]	Veterans' Affairs	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health 6/13/2016
<a href="#">H.R. 5399</a>	<i>Ethical Patient Care for Veterans Act of 2016</i>	Rep. Roe [R-TN-1]	Veterans' Affairs	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health 6/13/2016
<a href="#">H.R. 5462</a>	To provide for a State Medicaid option to enhance administrative matching funds to support statewide behavioral health access programs for individuals under 21	Reps. Loeb sack [D-IA-2]; Tonko [D-NY-20]; Dingell [D-MI-12]; Kennedy [D-MA-4]; Hastings [D-FL-20]; Clarke [D-NY-9]; and Engel [D-NY-16]	Energy & Commerce	Introduced 6/13/2016

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<a href="#"><u>H.R. 5463</u></a>	<i>Strengthening Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health (SMASH) Act</i>	Rep. Murphy [D-FL-18]	Energy & Commerce	Introduced 6/13/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 3694</u></a>	<i>Strategy To Oppose Predatory Organ Trafficking Act</i>	Reps. Trott [R-MI-11] and Deutch [D-FL-21]	House Foreign Affairs; Senate Foreign Relations	Received in the Senate and Referred to Committee on Foreign Relations 6/14/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 5482</u></a> / <a href="#"><u>S. 2983</u></a>	<i>Caring Recovery for Infants and Babies (CRIB) Act</i>	Reps. Turner [R-OH-10] and Ryan [D-OH-13]	Energy & Commerce	Introduced 6/14/2016
<a href="#"><u>H.R. 5514</u></a>	<i>To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for increased flexibility in blood donor screening, while maintaining a safe blood donor pool, during times of national or local need.</i>	Rep. Honda [D-CA-17]	Energy & Commerce	Introduced 6/16/2016

# REGULATORY UPDATE

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**June 13**

CMS [Announces](#) It Will Award \$32 Million to Assist Enrollment of Eligible Children in Medicaid and the CHIP.

CMS [Proposes](#) Rule Updating the Conditions of Participation Requirements for Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse [Announces](#) the “\$100,000 for Start a SUD Startup” Challenge to Support Research Ideas that Advance the Understanding of Neurobiology in Substance Use Disorders.

**June 14**

Surgeon General Vivek Murthy [Advocates](#) for More Government Funding to Combat the Opioid Epidemic.

# JUDICIAL UPDATE

**June 16**

Supreme Court [Issues](#) Unanimously Decision in *Universal Health Services v. United States ex rel. Escobar*, Adopting the Implied False Certification Theory with Limitations.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS/MARKUPS

### SENATE

#### **Indian Affairs**

[Improving Accountability and Quality of Care at the Indian Health Service through S. 2953](#)

- June 21 | 2 p.m.  
226 Dirksen Senate Office Building

#### **Judiciary**

[The CREATES Act: Ending Regulatory Abuse, Protecting Consumers, and Ensuring Drug Price Competition](#)

- June 21 | 2 p.m.  
226 Dirksen Senate Office Building

#### **Veterans' Affairs**

[Examining the Process and Challenges in Modernizing Information Technology at the Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

- June 22 | 2:30 p.m.  
SR-418 Dirksen Senate Office Building

#### **Special Committee on Aging**

[The Right Care at the Right Time: Ensuring Person-Centered Care for Individuals with Serious Illness](#)

- June 23 | 11 a.m.  
562 Dirksen Senate Office Building

## HOUSE

### Veterans' Affairs

Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3216, H.R. 4150, H.R. 4764, H.R. 5047, H.R. 5083, H.R. 5162, H.R. 5166, H.R. 5392, H.R. 5407, H.R. 5416, H.R. 5420, and H.R. 5428

- June 23 | 10:30 a.m.  
334 Cannon House Office Building

## Energy & Commerce

### Strengthening our National Trauma System

- June 24 | 9:15 a.m.  
2123 Rayburn House Office Building

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health

Discussion on strategies to improve the health of ethnic and racial minority populations through health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities. Registration is required.

- June 21 | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Bethesda  
8120 Wisconsin Ave.  
Bethesda, MD 20814

### Meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria

Presentations on topics related to incentives for the development of vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics; discussions on environment and antibiotic-resistance; and a presentation on a new guidance from the FDA. Registration is required.

- June 21 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- June 22 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
HHS  
Hubert H. Humphrey Building  
Great Hall  
200 Independence Ave. SW.  
Washington, DC 20201

### Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education

Discussion on Affordable Care Act initiatives and an opportunity for public comment.

- June 22 | 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Hubert H. Humphrey Building  
Room 425A  
200 Independence Ave. SW.  
Washington, DC 20201

### National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps

The Council will refine top priorities for the NHSC and will continue to work on recommendations to submit to HHS and HRSA.

- June 22 | 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
HRSA  
Conference Room #5E29  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857  
And via webinar and conference call

### Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

Discussions on meningococcal vaccines, HPV vaccines, influenza, cholera vaccine, hepatitis vaccines, safety of maternal Tdap vaccination, child/adolescent immunization schedule, RSV and vaccine supply; a recommendation vote for meningococcal vaccines and cholera vaccine; and a VFC vote for meningococcal vaccines.

- June 22 | 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- June 23 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

CDC

Kent “Oz” Nelson Auditorium

Tom Harkin Global

Communications Center

Building 19

1600 Clifton Road, NE.

Atlanta, Georgia 30329

And via webcast

### OTHER

### POLITICO Pro Health Care Briefing: Scope of Practice in the ACA Era

- June 21 | 8 a.m.  
Liaison Capitol Hill  
415 New Jersey Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20001