

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

June 27, 2016

Week in Brief

House Speaker Paul Ryan [Announces Plan](#) to Repeal and Replace the Affordable Care Act.

The Boards of Trustees for Medicare [Issues](#) Annual Report Indicating Per-Medicare Beneficiary Cost Growth Continues to Be Slow and Projects the Medicare's Hospital Insurance Coverage Will Remain Fully Funded Until 2028.

WHITE HOUSE UPDATE

June 21

OMB Issues Statements of Administration Policy Opposing:

- [H.R. 1270, The Restoring Access to Medication Act of 2015](#)
- [H.R. 5485, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017](#)

June 23

President Obama [Threatens](#) to Veto \$1.1 Billion Zika Virus Bill.

Female Veteran Suicide Prevention Act (S. 2487), Which Directs the VA to Identify the Most Effective VA Mental Health Care and Suicide Prevention Programs for Women Veterans, Is [Presented](#) to the President.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

June 21

House [Passes](#) Four Bipartisan Bills: *Small Business Health Care Relief Act* (H.R. 5447), *Native American Health Savings Improvement Act* (H.R. 5452), *Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016* (H.R. 5456), and *Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act* (H.R. 5170).

Senate HELP Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN) [Authors](#) Column in *The Hill* on the 21st Century Cures Effort.

June 22

House Democrats on the Zika and Military Construction-Veterans Affairs Conference Committee [Release](#) Statement Opposing Zika Conference Report.

House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-TX), Health Subcommittee Chairman Pat Tiberi (R-OH), and Social Security Subcommittee Chairman Sam [Johnson](#) (R-TX) Respond to the Medicare Trustees Report. House Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) and Health Subcommittee Chairman Joe Pitts (R-PA) Also [Release](#) a Statement Concerning the Medicare Trustees Report.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT) [Releases](#) Statement on Medicare and Social Security Trustees Reports. Senate HELP Committee Chairman Lamar [Alexander](#) (R-TN) Also Responds to the Medicare Trustees Report.

June 23

House [Approves](#) Conference Report to Accompany the *Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017 and Zika Response and Preparedness Act* (H.R. 2577).

Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs [Urges](#) Support to Allow a Vote on the *Veterans First Act* (S.2921), a Bipartisan Bill Aimed to Strengthen VA Accountability.

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

BILL NUMBER/ RELATED BILLS	TITLE or SHORT SUMMARY	ORIGINAL SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEES	LATEST ACTION
S. 2736/ H.R. 5210	<i>Patient Access to Durable Medical Equipment Act of 2016</i>	Sens. Thune [R-SD]; Heitkamp [D-ND]; Roberts [R-KS]; Crapo [R-ID]; Rounds [R-SD]; Capito [R-WV]; Grassley [R-IA]; Manchin [D-WV]; Daines [R-MT]; Barrasso [R-WY]; Cochran [R-MS]; Hirono [D-HI]; Bennet [D-CO]; Ernst [R-IA]; King [I-ME]; and Tester [D-MT]	Finance	Passed Senate and Referred to House Ways & Means Committee 6/21/2016

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<u>S. 3090</u>	A bill to establish a demonstration program to provide integrated care for Medicare beneficiaries with end-stage renal disease.	Sens. Heller [D-NV] and Nelson [D-FL]	Finance	Introduced 6/23/2016
<u>S. 3096</u>	<i>A bill to establish a pilot program promoting an alternative payment model for person-centered care for Medicare beneficiaries with advanced illnesses.</i>	Sens. Whitehouse [D-RI] and Warren [D-MA]	Finance; Special Committee on Aging	Special Committee on Aging hearing 6/23/2016
<u>H.R. 1270/</u> <u>H.R. 3006/</u> <u>H.Res.793/</u> <u>S.254/</u> <u>S.709</u>	<i>Restoring Access to Medication Act of 2015</i>	Reps. Jenkins [R-KS-2] and Kind [D-WI-3]	Ways & Means	Reported to House with an amendment in the nature of a substitute 6/21/2016
<u>H.R. 5485/</u> <u>H.R. 2947/</u> <u>H.R. 3784/</u> <u>H.R. 4901/</u> <u>H.Res 794/</u> <u>S. 1840/</u> <u>S. 1841/</u> <u>S. 2867</u>	<i>Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017</i>	Rep. Crenshaw [R-FL-4]	Appropriations	Reported to House with an amendment 6/21/2016
<u>H.R. 5542</u>	<i>Medicaid and CHIP Quality Improvement Act of 2016</i>	Reps. DeGette [D-CO-1] and Kennedy [D-MA-4]	Energy & Commerce	Introduced 6/21/2016
<u>H.R. 5547</u>	<i>Health Care Price Transparency Promotion Act of 2016</i>	Reps. Burgess [R-TX-26] and Green [D-TX-29]	Energy & Commerce	Introduced 6/21/2016
<u>H.R. 5555</u>	<i>Personalize Your Care Act 2.0</i>	Reps. Blumenauer [D-OR-3] and Roe [R-TN-1]	Energy & Commerce; Ways & Means	Introduced 6/22/2016

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<u>H.R. 5447</u>	<i>Small Business Health Care Relief Act</i>	Reps. Boustany [R-LA-3] and Thompson [D-CA-5]	Ways & Means	Passed the House and Received in the Senate 6/22/2016
<u>H.R. 5452/</u> <u>H.R. 2300/</u> <u>H.R. 2653/</u> <u>H.R. 4469/</u> <u>S. 2499/</u> <u>S. 2519</u>	<i>Native American Health Savings Improvement Act</i>	Reps. Moolenaar [R-MI-4]; Paulsen [R-MN-3]; Noem [R-SD-At Large]; and Blumenauer [D-OR-3]	Ways & Means; Finance	Passed the House and Received in the Senate 6/22/2016
<u>H.R. 5456</u>	<i>Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016</i>	Reps. Buchanan [R-FL-16]; Levin [D-MI-9]; Boustany [R-LA-3]; Black [R-TN-6]; Reed [R-NY-23]; Kelly [R-PA-3]; Dold [R-IL-10]; Larson [D-CT-1]; Blumenauer [D-OR-3]; Pascrell [D-NJ-9]; Crowley [D-NY-14]; Davis [D-IL-7]; and Sanchez [D-CA-38]	Ways & Means	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar 6/22/2016
<u>H.R. 5562</u>	To provide for Congressional appointment of members of MACPAC.	Rep. Griffith [R-VA-9]	Energy & Commerce	Introduced 6/22/2016
<u>H.R. 5559</u>	To clarify the application of rules on the calculation of hospital length of stay to certain moratorium-excepted long-term care hospitals.	Reps. Smith [R-MO-8] and Clay [D-MO-1]	Ways & Means	Introduced 6/22/2016

REGULATORY UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

June 20

CMS [Issues](#) a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Setting Forth Changes to the Payment Error Rate Measurement and Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control Programs.

HHS [Announces](#) It Will Award \$20 Million in Funding for Training and Education for Medicare Clinicians in Individual or Small Group Practices of Up to 15 Clinicians.

June 21

ASPE [Publishes](#) Issue Brief, *Impacts of the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid Expansion on Insurance Coverage and Access to Care*.

June 22

FDA [Issues](#) a Final Rule Revising Donor Eligibility Regulations, Including the Screening and Testing of Donors of Particular Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products, and Related Labeling.

OIG Releases [Report](#), *High Part D Spending on Opioids and Substantial Growth in Compounded Drugs Raise Concerns*.

June 24

CMS [Issues](#) a Proposed Rule to Update Policies and Payment Rates Under the End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System for Renal Dialysis Services Beginning in 2017.

HRSA [Seeks](#) Nominations for the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines.

OTHER UPDATE

GAO Releases Reports

- [*Veterans' Affairs: Sustained Management Attention Needed to Address Numerous IT Challenges*](#). (June 22)
- [*Defense Health Care: Availability and Quality Measurement of Women's Health Care Services in U.S. Military Hospitals*](#). (June 23)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS/MARKUPS

SENATE

Finance

Examining the Proposed Medicare Part B Drug Demonstration

- June 28 | 10 a.m.
215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

HELP

Small Business Health Care: Costs and Options

- June 28 | 2 p.m.
TBD

Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs

Preparing for and Protecting the Nation from Zika

- June 29 | 10 a.m.
SD-342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Veterans' Affairs

Pending Legislation

- June 29 | 2:30 p.m.
S-R 418 Russell Senate Office Building

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Pre-Claim Review Demonstration for Home Health Services

Allows home health agencies, physicians, and other interested parties to learn about the Pre-Claim Review Demonstration for Home Health Services.

- June 28 | 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Via conference call

Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry Meeting

Review of the activities under sections 747-748, part C of title VII of the PHS Act including performance measures, longitudinal evaluations, and appropriation levels; and review of ways that behavioral health content could be integrated into primary care education and training.

- June 28 | 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- June 29 | 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
HRSA
Conference Room #5E29
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857
And via webinar and conference call

OTHER

Seizing Today's Opportunities to Accelerate Cancer Research

- June 28 | TBD
562 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20002