

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

July 18, 2016

Week in Brief

House and Senate [Pass](#) Comprehensive Opioid Legislation, the *Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016* (S.524).

OCR [Issues](#) Guidance on Ransomware Attacks.

WHITE HOUSE UPDATE

July 11

President Obama [Authors](#) JAMA Article on United States Health Care Reform.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

July 12

Senate Finance Committee [Convenes](#) Hearing on the Stark Law.

July 13

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Mike Enzi (R-WY) [Proposes](#) a Change to the Current Budget Plan Demanding that Lawmakers Outline a Two-Year Budget Spending Plan at a Time.

Senate Finance Committee Holds Hearings on [MACRA](#) and [Alzheimer's Disease](#).

House Ways & Means Committee [Advances](#) *ESRD Choice Act* (H.R. 5659) and *SHIFT Act* (H.R. 5713).

House Energy & Commerce Committee [Holds](#) Hearing on Health Care Apps.

House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs [Discusses](#) the VA's Treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury in a Hearing.

July 14

House Appropriations Committee [Approves](#) FY 2017 Labor, Health and Human Services Funding Bill.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Hal Rogers (R-KY) and Senate Appropriations Chairman Thad Cochran (R-MS) [Urge](#) Executive Action on Zika Funding.

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

BILL NUMBER/ RELATED BILLS	TITLE or SHORT SUMMARY	ORIGINAL SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEES	LATEST ACTION
S. 3166	<i>A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study on the designation of surgical health professional shortage areas.</i>	Sens. Grassley [R-IA] and Schatz [D-HI]	HELP	Introduced 7/12/2016
H.R. 1270	<i>Restoring Access to Medication and Improving Health Savings Act of 2016</i>	Reps. Jenkins [R-KS] and Kind [D-WI]	Ways & Means	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar 7/11/2016
H.R. 5721	<i>Local Coverage Determination Clarification Act of 2016</i>	Reps. Jenkins [R-KS] and Kind [D-WI]	Ways & Means; Energy & Commerce	Introduced 7/11/2016

REGULATORY UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

July 15

HRSA [Requests](#) Nominations to Fill Vacancies on the Council on Graduate Medical Education.

OTHER NEWS

July 7

GAO Releases Report, [*Drug Shortages: Certain Factors Are Strongly Associated with This Persistent Public Health Challenge*](#).

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The New York Times [*Features*](#) Article on Organ Transplant Progress.

July 12

GAO Releases Report, [*Military Health Care: Army Needs to Improve Oversight of Warrior Transition Units*](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institute of Mental Health Notice of Meeting: Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee

Discussion on business, updates, and issues related to Autism Spectrum Disorder research and services activities, and update on the IACC Strategic Plan.

- July 19 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
NIH
Conference Room 6, 6th Floor
Building 31, C Wing
Bethesda, MD 20952
And via webcast and conference call

Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee

Discussion on 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

POLITICAL

2016 Republican National Convention

- July 18-21
Cleveland, Ohio

2016 Democratic National Convention

- July 25-28
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania