

## LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

July 31, 2017

### Week in Brief

On Tuesday, the Senate Voted to [Proceed](#) to Debate on Federal Health Care Reform Legislation. After Three Days of Debate and Votes on Various Amendments to the Legislation, Republican Leadership [Pulled](#) the Health Care Reform Bill from Senate Consideration.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### July 24<sup>th</sup>

*Medicare:* House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee Chairman Pat Tiberi (R-OH) [Announces](#) New Initiative, “The Medicare Red Tape Relief Project” to Reduce Medicare Regulations and Mandates. Full Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-TX) [Issues](#) a Statement.

### July 25<sup>th</sup>

*Medicare Part B:* The House Unanimously Passes the Medicare Part B Improvement Act. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman [Kevin Brady](#) (R-TX) and Ranking Member [Richard Neal](#) (D-MA) Deliver Statements from the House Floor.

*VA Choice Program:* House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs Chairman [Phil Roe](#) (R-TN) and Ranking Member [Tim Walz](#) (D-MN) Issue Statements on the House Vote on Funding for the VA Choice Program.

### July 26<sup>th</sup>

*Diabetes:* Senate Special Committee on Aging [Holds](#) a Hearing on Progress Toward a Cure for Type I Diabetes: Research and the Artificial Pancreas.

*Medicare Advantage:* House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health [Holds](#) a Hearing Examining the Extension of Special Needs Plans (SNPs) Under Medicare Advantage. Subcommittee Chairman [Michael Burgess](#), M.D. (R-TX) and Ranking Member [Frank Pallone, Jr.](#) (D-NJ) Issue Opening Statements.

# REGULATORY UPDATE

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

July 25<sup>th</sup>

*Health Cybersecurity:* HHS [Releases](#) Revised HIPAA Breach Reporting Tool.

July 28<sup>th</sup>

*Medicaid:* CMS [Issues](#) a Proposed Rule on State Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotment Reductions.

*Enrollment:* CMS [Announces](#) the Extension of the Temporary Moratoria on Medicare Part B, Medicaid, and CHIP Enrollment of New Non-Emergency Ground Ambulance Suppliers and Home Health Agencies in Certain Locations.

*Home Health Agencies:* CMS [Issues](#) Proposed CY 2018 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rule.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

July 26<sup>th</sup>

*Individual Insurance Exchanges:* The IRS [Issues](#) Final Regulations on the Health Insurance Premium Tax Credit for Individuals Who Enroll in Qualified Health Plans Through ACA Marketplaces.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS/MARKUPS

HOUSE: August recess begins Friday July 28.

### SENATE

HELP Committee Hearing

[“Nomination Hearing: Health and Human Services Nominees”](#)

- Tuesday, August 1, 2017. 2:30PM  
430 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Finance Committee Hearing

[Nominations Hearing](#)

- Thursday, August 3, 2017. 10:00AM  
215 Dirksen Senate Office Building