

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

July 5, 2016

Week in Brief

Senate [Blocks](#) \$1.1 Billion Zika Bill.

Supreme Court [Strikes](#) Down Texas Abortion Law in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*.

CMS [Proposes](#) Rule to Update the Medicare Home Health Prospective Payment System Rates, Which Would Reduce Medicare Payments to Home Health Agencies by 1 Percent in Calendar Year 2017.

WHITE HOUSE UPDATE

June 28

Vice President Biden [Announces](#) New Public and Private Sector Actions to Drive Progress Toward Curing Cancer at the Cancer Moonshot Summit.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

June 27

Select Investigative Panel Chairman [Marsha Blackburn](#) (R-TN) and HELP Committee Ranking Member [Patty Murray](#) (D-WA) React to *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* Decision

June 28

Senate Finance Committee [Holds](#) Hearing on the Proposed Medicare Part B Drug Demonstration.

Representatives Ted Lieu (D-CA) and Will Hurd (R-TX) [Urge](#) OCR to Focus on Developing Ransomware Guidance.

June 29

Senate HELP Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN) [Comments](#) on the Announcement of a New Oncology Center of Excellence at the FDA.

June 29

House Energy & Commerce Committee [Issues](#) Subpoena Requiring HHS to Produce Certain Records Regarding the Transitional Reinsurance Program.

House Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) [Announces](#) Opioid Conference Committee Meeting on July 6th.

June 30

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT) [Releases](#) White Paper Discussing Potential Reforms to Stark Law.

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

BILL NUMBER/ RELATED BILLS	TITLE or SHORT SUMMARY	ORIGINAL SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEES	LATEST ACTION
S. 3101/ H.R. 865/ H.R. 3682	To limit the liability of health care professionals who volunteer to provide health care services in response to a disaster.	Sens. Cassidy [R-LA] and King [I-ME]	HELP	Introduced 6/27/2016
S. 2279 / H.R. 4134	<i>Veterans Health Care Staffing Improvement Act</i>	Sens. DeFazio [D-OR-4] and 7 original cosponsors	Veterans' Affairs	Hearing held 6/29/2016
S. 3115	To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to a national pediatric research network.	Sens. Wicker [R-MS] and Brown [D-OH]	HELP	Introduced 6/29/2016
S. 3107	To provide for a temporary exception to the application of the Medicare LTC hospital site neutral provisions for certain spinal cord specialty hospitals.	Sens. Isakson [R-GA]; Bennet [D-CO]; Gardner [R-CO]; and Perdue [R-GA]	Finance	Introduced 6/29/2016

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<u>S. 3113</u>	A bill to amend Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for training and support services for families and caregivers of people living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.	Sens. Klobuchar [D-MN] and Collins [R-ME]	HELP	Introduced 6/29/2016
<u>S. 2210</u>	<i>Veteran Partners' Efforts to Enhance Reintegration (PEER) Act</i>	Sens. Blumenthal [D-CT]; Baldwin [D-WI]; and Markey [D-MA]	Veterans' Affairs	Committee Hearing Held 6/29/2016
<u>S. 2487</u>	<i>Female Veteran Suicide Prevention Act</i>	Sens. Boxer [D-CA]; Ernst [R-IA]; Blumenthal [D-CT]; and Brown [D-OH]	Veterans' Affairs	Signed into law 6/30/2016
<u>H.R. 5501</u>	To improve the recruitment of physicians in the VA.	Reps. O'Rourke [D-TX-16] and Stefanik [R-NY-21]	Veterans' Affairs	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health 6/27/2016
<u>H.R. 5600</u>	To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide access to magnetic EEG/EKG-guided resonance therapy technology to veterans.	Rep. Knight [R-CA-25] and 18 original cosponsors	Veterans' Affairs	Introduced 6/28/2016

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<u>H.R. 5613</u>	To provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2016.	Reps. Jenkins [R-KS-2] and Loeb sack [D-IA-2]	Energy & Commerce; Ways and Means	Introduced 7/1/2016
<u>H.R. 5614</u>	To provide for a change in Medicare classification for certain hospitals.	Rep. Crowley [D-NY-14]	Ways & Means	Introduced 7/1/2016

REGULATORY UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

June 27

ASPR, Using its Center for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing, [Will](#) Begin Developing a Zika Vaccine.

June 28

CMS [Issues](#) Proposed Rule to Address the Medicare Appeals Backlog.

June 29

FDA [Announces](#) Dr. Richard Pazdur as Acting Director of the FDA Oncology Center of Excellence.

HHS [Announces](#) Physician Groups and Insurance Companies Selected to Participate in CMS's Medicare Arm of the Oncology Care Model Beginning July 1, 2016.

June 30

CMS [Releases](#) the 2015 Open Payment Data.

July 1

CMS [Issues](#) Final Rule on Expanding the Use of Medicare Data by Qualified Entities.

OTHER UPDATE

June 30

CRS Releases Report, [Medicare Financial Status: In Brief](#).

July 1

The Democratic National Committee Releases the [2016 Democratic Party Platform Draft](#), Which Covers Health Care Policies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS/MEETINGS

HOUSE

Appropriations

[Subcommittee Markup - FY 2017 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill](#)

- July 7 | 9 a.m.
2358- C Rayburn House Office Building

Energy & Commerce

[Examining the Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act](#)

- July 7 | 10:15 a.m.
2322 Rayburn House Office Building

[The ACA's Cost Sharing Reduction Program: Ramifications of the Administration's Decision on the Source of Funding for the CSR Program](#)

- July 8 | 9:15 a.m.
2322 Rayburn House Office Building

Ways & Means

[Hearing on Cost Sharing Reduction Investigation and the Executive Branch's Constitutional Violations](#)

- July 7 | 10 a.m.
1100 Longworth House Office Building

OTHER

[House and Senate Opioid Conference Committee](#)

- July 6 | 10 a.m.
2123 Rayburn House Office Building

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Quality Measures and the IMPACT Act Call

Discussion of key quality measures related to the IMPACT Act and upcoming stakeholder engagement activities.

- July 7 | 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Via teleconference

Meeting of the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health

For more information, please email prevention.council@hhs.gov.

- July 11 | 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Via teleconference