

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

August 22, 2016

Week in Brief

HHS [Declares](#) a Public Health Emergency in Puerto Rico Due to Zika Virus.

Major Health Insurer, Aetna, to [Pull](#) Out of Most of the Exchanges Created by the ACA.

WHITE HOUSE UPDATE

August 17

Obama Administration [Announces](#) New Efforts to Fight Opioid, Fentanyl, and Heroin Abuse and Trafficking.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

August 16-18

House Budget Committee Chairman Tom Price Releases Three Healthcare Videos on [Cost Drivers in Health Care](#), [Pre-Existing Conditions](#), and the [Principles of Health Care](#).

REGULATORY UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

August 15

CMS [Proposes](#) a Rule to Address the Hospital-Specific Limitation on Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments.

HHS [Announces](#) the Availability of an Approved Test Tool and Procedures for the Testing of Health IT Modules for Four 2015 Edition Health IT Certification Criteria Under the ONC Health IT Certification Program.

August 18

CMS [Provides](#) Information on the Expiration of Medicare ICD-10 Flexibilities.

OTHER UPDATE

August 15

United Network for Organ Sharing [Proposes](#) to Redraw the Map Governing Liver Transplantation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment Meeting

Evaluating APC group structure, addressing procedures within an APC group, reviewing the packaging of OPPS services and costs, and other related topics.

- August 22 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- August 23 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
CMS
Main Auditorium
7500 Security Boulevard
Woodlawn, MD 21244
and via webcast and teleconference

Meeting of the Advisory Committee for Women's Services (ACWS)

Discussions on child welfare and substance use disorders among families; improving the health of women and girls; recovery-oriented systems of care; accountable health communities; and a conversation with the SAMHSA Deputy of Operations and the Chief of Staff.

- August 24 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
SAMHSA
Conference Room 5N76
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857
And via teleconference

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Meeting

Review of the Director's report and discussions of SAMHSA's role regarding treatment of mental illness, substance use disorders, and a budget update.

- August 24 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
SAMHSA
Room 5 E29
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Center for Mental Health Services Meeting

Presentations on Improving Inpatient Care and Family Caregiver Challenges and Solutions.

- August 24 | 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
SAMHSA
5th Floor
Conference Room A03
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders
in Newborns and Children Meeting

Presentations and Discussion on sequencing and potential impact on newborn screening and public health, screening for Lysosomal Storage Disorders, newborn screening timeliness, pilot studies for future nominated conditions, and the National Contingency Plan for Newborn Screening, among other things.

- August 25 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- August 26 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

HHS

5635 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20852
and via webcast