

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

August 8, 2016

Week in Brief

CMS [Issues](#) Final Rule Updating FY 2017 Medicare Payment Policies and Rates Under the IPPS and LTCH PPS; Rule Rescinds the 0.2% Medicare Rate Cut Under the Two-Midnight Policy.

CMS [Announces](#) Open Application Period for Primary Care Practices to Participate in the Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

August 1

House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT) [Highlight](#) Findings from a GAO Report on Federal Support for Uncompensated Hospital Care.

August 2

Florida House Representatives [Write](#) to CDC Director Requesting Reconsideration of Zika Virus Funding Distribution.

REGULATORY UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

August 1

ASPR [Awards](#) \$5.1 Million to InBios International, Inc. for Continued Development of a Faster Zika Virus Diagnostic Blood Test.

August 3

HHS Secretary Burwell [Writes](#) to Congress Requesting Additional Emergency Supplemental Funding to Combat the Zika Virus Domestically.

NIH [Announces](#) First Clinical Trial in Humans to Test Zika Virus Vaccine.

August 4

CMS [Announces](#) Participants in Frontier Community Health Integration Project Demonstration, an Effort to Increase Medicare Beneficiary Access to Care in Rural Areas.

OTHER

GAO Releases Reports:

- [*Hospital Uncompensated Care: Federal Action Needed to Better Align Payments with Costs*](#) (Aug. 1).
- [*Medicare Part B: CMS Should Take Additional Steps to Verify Accuracy of Data Used to Set Payment Rates for Drugs*](#) (Aug. 1).
- [*Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Information on Approval Process for State Innovation Waivers*](#) (Aug. 5).

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS/MARKUPS

HOUSE

Veterans' Affairs

[Technology and Treatment: Telemedicine in the VA Healthcare System](#)

- August 9 | 9 a.m.
Camarillo Public Library
4101 E. Las Posas Road
Camarillo, CA 93010

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

[Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Webinar](#)

Overview of the proposal in calendar year 2017 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.

- August 9 | 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
Via webcast

[PQRS Feedback Reports and the PQRS Informal Review Process for Program Year 2015 Results Call](#)

Discussion of PQRS negative payment adjustments, feedback reports, and the informal review process for 2015 results and 2017 payment adjustment determination.

- August 10 | 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
via teleconference

Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD),
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-
State, Tribal, Local and Territorial (STLT)
Subcommittee

Discussion on progress of implementation of
ACD-adopted recommendations, other
emerging challenges and how the CDC can
best support STLT health departments.

- August 11 | 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
CDC
Building 19, Rooms 245-246
1600 Clifton Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30329