

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE September 12, 2016

Week in Brief

CMS [Gives](#) Providers More Flexibility Regarding MACRA Requirements for 2017.

Congress Returns to Washington this Week After the Summer Recess.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

September 6

Senate [Fails](#) to Approve Zika Funding Legislation.

House Ways & Means and Energy & Commerce Leaders [Write](#) to HHS Regarding MACRA Flexibility.

Senate Finance Committee Republicans [Issue Three Separate](#) Press Statements on the Affordable Care Act.

September 7

House Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) [Says](#) Senate Version of 21st Century Cures Legislation Unlikely to Pass Until After Elections.

House Ways & Means Committee [Holds](#) Hearing on Medicare Part A and Post-Acute Care Value-Based Purchasing.

September 8

House Ways & Means Committee Advances Two Health Care Bills Regarding [ESRD](#) and [CO-OPs](#).

House Energy & Commerce Committee [Convenes](#) Hearing on Five Public Health Bills.

September 9

House Energy & Commerce Committee [Examines](#) Federal Mental Health Parity Laws in Hearing.

Bipartisan Leaders of House Committees [Applaud](#) CMS's Latest Proposal to Increase Flexibility for Providers Participating in MACRA Programs.

REGULATORY UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

September 6

HHS [Issues](#) Proposed Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2018.

HHS [Releases](#) Interim Final Rule to Adjust for Inflation the Maximum Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP) Amounts for Various CMP Authorities for All HHS agencies.

September 7

ASPR [Awards](#) \$8.2 Million Contract for the Development of a Zika Vaccine.

September 8

CMS [Issues](#) Final Rule Establishing National Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Providers and Suppliers Participating in Medicare and Medicaid.

HHS [Awards](#) the American Academy of Pediatrics \$350,000 to Increase Capacity for Caring for Children Who May Be or Are Affected by the Zika Virus.

OTHER NEWS

GAO Releases Reports:

- [*Private Health Insurance: In Most States and New Exchanges, Enrollees Continued to be Concentrated among Few Issuers in 2014.*](#) (Sept. 6)
- [*Medicaid: Key Policy and Data Considerations for Designing a Per Capita Cap on Federal Funding.*](#) (Sept. 9)

September 2

CRS [Highlights](#) Challenges for Blood Centers Posed by Zika Virus.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee

Discussions about the process by which physician-focused payment model proposals will be received and reviewed by the Committee after the Secretary establishes criteria for physician-focused payment models through rulemaking.

- September 16 | 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Senate Meeting Room
Residence Inn
333 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

SENATE

Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs

The State of Health Insurance Markets

- September 15 | 10 a.m.
SD342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

The Future of the VA: Examining the Commission on Care Report and VA's Response

- September 14 | 2:30 p.m.
SR-418 Russell Senate Office Building

HOUSE

Committee on Ways & Means

Exploring the Use of Technology and Innovation to Create Efficiencies, Higher Quality, and Better Access for Beneficiaries in Health Care

- September 14 | 10 a.m.
1100 Longworth House Office Building

Committee on Energy & Commerce

The Affordable Care Act on Shaky Ground: Outlook and Oversight

- September 14 | 10 a.m.
HVC-210 Capitol Building

Committee on Oversight & Government Reform

Examining the Affordable Care Act's Premium Increases

- September 14 | 9 a.m.
2154 Rayburn House Office Building