

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

September 19, 2016

Week in Brief

House Energy & Commerce Committee [Marks Up](#) Five Bills Related to Various Healthcare Issues, Including the *Mental Health First Aid Bill*.

CMS Data [Shows](#) an 8% Decrease in Hospital Readmission Rates Nationally Between 2010 and 2015.

WHITE HOUSE UPDATE

September 14

OMB [Receives](#) Final Rule on Merit-Based Incentive Payment System and Alternative Payment Models in Medicare Fee-for-Services.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

September 12

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT) [Highlights](#) GAO Reports Finding Health Insurance Marketplace Fraud Vulnerabilities.

Republican Leaders of Senate Finance, House Ways & Means, and House Energy & Commerce Committees [Send](#) Letter to CMS Concerning Medicare Fraud.

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House Ways & Means Committee [Holds](#) Hearing on Spurring Health Care Innovation.

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Johnny Isakson (R-GA) [Issues](#) Statement Urging Continued VA Reform Using Commission on Care Recommendations.

House Energy & Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations [Conducts](#) Joint Hearing on the Affordable Care Act; Ranking Member Franke Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) [Issues](#) Statement Related to the Hearing.

September 15

House Energy & Commerce Committee to [Repackage](#) 21st Century Cures Bill, Renew Push for Passage.

Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee [Holds](#) Hearing on the State of Health Insurance Markets.

House Energy & Commerce Committee Republican Leaders [Sent](#) a Referral Letter to HHS-OIG Regarding the NFL-NIH Grant.

Senate HELP Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN) [Releases](#) Statement on Public Option Plan Proposed by Senate Democrats.

REGULATORY UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

September 14

HHS OIG [Releases](#) its *Medicaid Fraud Control Units Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report*, Announcing \$744 Million in Criminal and Civil Recoveries.

OTHER NEWS

GAO Releases Reports:

- [*Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Final Results of Undercover Testing of the Federal Marketplace and Selected State Marketplaces for Coverage Year 2015.*](#) (Sept. 12)
- [*Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Most Enrollees Reported Satisfaction with Their Health Plans, Although Some Concerns Exist.*](#) (Sept. 12)
- [*Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Results of Undercover Enrollment Testing for the Federal Marketplace and a Selected State Marketplace for the 2016 Coverage Year.*](#) (Sept. 12)
- [*Health Care: Results of Recent Undercover Testing for Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Coverage, and Review of Market Concentration in the Private Insurance Markets.*](#) (Sept. 14)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS/MARKUPS

SENATE HELP Committee

Laboratory Testing in the Era of Precision Medicine

- September 20 | 10 a.m.
430 Dirksen Senate Office Building

S. , Career and Technical Education Act of 2016; S. 2873, ECHO Act; S. 2932, Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016; and Nominations

- September 21 | 9:30 a.m.
430 Dirksen Senate Office Building

HOUSE Oversight & Government Reform

Reviewing the Rising Price of EpiPens

- September 21 | 2 p.m.
2154 Rayburn HOB

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria

Presentations on antibiotic resistance prevention, stewardship, innovation.

- September 19 | 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Hubert H. Humphrey Building
Great Hall
200 Independence Avenue,
SW
Washington, DC 20201
Or webcast

Meeting of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council

Discussions on program policies and issues.

- September 20 | 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
NIH
Building 35A
Porter Building
Room 640
35A Convent Drive
Bethesda, MD 20892