

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

October 17, 2017

Week in Brief

President Trump [Issues](#) an Executive Order Allowing Small Businesses to Purchase Insurance Across State Lines. U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Acting Secretary Eric Hargan and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Seema Verma [Announce](#) that Cost-Sharing Reductions Payments Will Be Discontinued Immediately.

WHITE HOUSE UPDATE

October 12, 2017

Executive Order: President Donald Trump [Issues](#) an Executive Order Allowing Small Businesses to Join Together and Buy Health Insurance across State Lines. Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR) and Health Subcommittee Chairman Michael Burgess (R-TX) [Issue](#) a Statement. Democratic Leader [Nancy Pelosi](#) (D-CA), Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member [Ron Wyden](#) (D-OR), and House Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member [Frank Pallone](#) (D-NJ) Issue Statements Criticizing the Order.

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CHIP: Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee Greg Walden (R-OR) [Issues](#) a Statement on the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Extending Critical Public Health Programs.

October 11, 2017

Opioid Crisis: The House Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Health [Holds](#) a Hearing Entitled *Member Day: Testimony and Proposals on the Opioid Crisis*. Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member [Frank Pallone](#) (D-NJ) and Democratic Leader [Nancy Pelosi](#) (D-CA) Issue Statements.

340B Drug Program: The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations [Holds](#) a Hearing Entitled *Examining How Covered Entities Utilize the 340B Drug*

Pricing Program. Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone (D-NJ) [Issues](#) a Statement.

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Waivers: Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR) [Issues](#) a Statement Requesting that the Department of Health and Human Services Explain Why Oklahoma's Reinsurance Waiver was Not Approved.

REGULATORY UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

October 10, 2017

HHS Secretary: President Trump [Announces](#) Eric Hargan Will Serve as Acting HHS Secretary.

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Medicare: CMS [Releases](#) 2018 Part C and Part D Medicare Star Ratings Data.

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Executive Order: Acting HHS Secretary [Hargan](#) and CMS Administrator [Verma](#) Issue Statements Praising President Trump's *Executive Order Promoting Healthcare Choice and Competition Across the United States*.

Cost Sharing Reductions: Acting HHS Secretary Hargan and CMS Administrator Verma [Announce](#) the Discontinuation of Cost-Sharing Reductions Payments.

Capitation Payments: OIG [Releases](#) a Report, *CMS's Policies and Procedures Were Generally Effective in Ensuring that Capitation Payments Were Not Made After Beneficiaries' Date of Death*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HEARINGS

SENATE

Senate HELP Committee

[Hearing on the Cost of Prescription Drugs: How the System Affects What Patients Pay, Part II](#)

- October 17, 2017 | 10:00a.m.
430 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Senate HELP Committee

[Hearing Examining How Healthy Choices Can Improve Health Outcomes and Reduce Costs](#)

- October 19, 2017 | 10:00a.m.
430 Dirksen Senate Office Building