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LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE
October 10, 2016

Week in Brief

MedPAC Holds Meetings on Medicare ACOs, Medicare Part B Drug Payment Policy Issues, Behavioral Health and the Medicare Program, Measures of Hospital Use for Long-Stay Nursing Facility Residents, Reforming Quality Measurement, and Biosimilars in Medicare Part D.

WHITE HOUSE UPDATE

October 4

White House Rural Forum Highlights Health Care Investments.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

October 4

Senate Homeland Security & Government Affairs Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations Issues Joint Staff Report, *Combatting the Opioid Epidemic: A Review of Anti-Abuse Efforts in Medicare and Private Health Insurance Systems*.

REGULATORY UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

September 30

OIG Informs CMS of Preliminary Results of OIG's Ongoing Review of Costs Incurred by Medicare Due to Defective or Recalled Medical Devices.

October 3

CMS and AHRQ Awards Over $13 Million to Implement New Pediatric Quality Measures.

October 4

CMS Awards New Contract to Support Best Practices and Improvements for IHS-Operated Hospitals Participating in Medicare.

October 6

HHS Seeks Comments on a Proposed Objective to Be Added to Healthy People 2020.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, National Advisory Council.
Discussion on Treatment Quality Issues.

- October 12 |12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
  Teleconference