



## Health Policy Briefing

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### Movement on Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework Expected This Week

The group of 22 senators charged with negotiating the bipartisan \$579 billion infrastructure bill have made progress in recent days on settling the final aspects of the legislation. Recent discussions have focused on various pay fors, including unspent COVID-19 relief funding and further delaying the Trump-era Medicare rebate rule. While there are still unspent funds in the Provider Relief Fund (PRF), those funds are likely not pay fors for this package. The drug pricing regulation would eliminate the rebates made by drug manufacturers to pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) under Medicare Part D. Negotiators have confirmed that the rule would be delayed for less than a decade but have not specified the exact length of the delay. The Biden administration had already delayed the rule until 2023 following a court order. While agreement appears to have been reached on how to pay for the deal, senators are still waiting on a formal score from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) attempted to start debate on the bill last week with a procedural vote, but was blocked by Republicans, who argued that they needed to see the final deal. According to a Senate negotiator, the legislative text of the agreement could be released as early as today. The Majority Leader has already stated that the chamber will remain in session beyond its scheduled recess date of August 9 to pass both the bipartisan infrastructure framework and the fiscal year (FY) 2022 budget resolution with reconciliation instructions. While Schumer had set a deadline of last Wednesday for reaching an agreement on the \$3.5 trillion budget blueprint, Democrats have yet to achieve a consensus on top-line spending levels.

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### ***Yarmuth Comments on Inclusion of Medicaid Funding in Reconciliation Bill***

House Budget Committee Chairman John Yarmuth (D-Ky.) stated that the House of Representatives may change the Senate's fiscal year (FY) 2022 budget resolution to include funding for Puerto Rico's Medicaid program. A temporary increase to territories' federal block grant funding for Medicaid expires September 30. Democrats plan to advance the \$3.5 trillion budget reconciliation package this fall. Last week, the House Energy and Commerce Committee advanced a five-year extension (H.R. 4406) for Puerto Rico's Medicaid program and an eight-year extension for programs in American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

### ***House to Vote on Appropriations Minibus This Week***

The House of Representatives plans to vote on a fiscal year (FY) 2022 minibus spending bill this week. The seven-bill package will use the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education legislation (H.R. 4502) as the vehicle, and will include the Agriculture-Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Energy and Water, Financial Services, Interior-Environment, Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, and Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (HUD) measures. Three separate appropriations bills — Commerce-Justice-Science (H.R. 4505), Legislative Branch (H.R. 4346), and State-Foreign Operations (H.R. 4373) — could also be considered on the floor this week. While Senate appropriators could begin their work on the Agriculture-FDA, Energy and Water, Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, and potentially Transportation-HUD measures prior to August recess, a continuing resolution (CR) is still expected to be necessary to avoid a government shutdown at the end of the fiscal year on September 30.

### ***Approaching Deadline to Increase or Suspend Debt Limit***

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has sent a [letter](#) to lawmakers warning that unless Congress acts to suspend or increase the debt limit by August 2, the Treasury will need to take extraordinary measures to prevent the U.S. from defaulting on its obligations, which "would cause irreparable harm to the U.S. economy and the livelihoods of all Americans." She goes on to explain that the period of time that extraordinary measures may last is subject to "considerable uncertainty," but that there are scenarios in which they could be exhausted soon after Congress returns from its August recess. A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) [report](#) issued last week estimated that lawmakers will likely have until October or November to raise or suspend the debt limit. The debt limit has been on a two-year hold that expires on July 31. Senate Republicans have expressed opposition to a clean debt increase or suspension, with Budget Committee Ranking Member Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) proposing to tie the debt limit measure to the creation of a body to address the financial sustainability of the Social Security and Medicare programs.

### ***Breakthrough COVID-19 Cases Amongst Fully-Vaccinated in White House, Congress***

Amidst the nationwide surge in the Delta variant, several fully-vaccinated White House and congressional lawmakers and staff have tested positive for COVID-19. Reports have indicated that the individuals are asymptomatic or experiencing mild, flu-like symptoms. Two positive cases have been reported on the House side, and one Senate staffer has tested positive for COVID-19. Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.) has also contracted the virus. According to a report from Politico, the Capitol attending physician is considering a return to the recommendation that people wear masks inside the House and Senate.

### ***E&C Advances 16 Bipartisan Health Care Bills***

The House Energy and Commerce Committee advanced by voice votes the following 16 health care-related bills last week, including measures to combat drug overdose deaths, extend Medicaid funding, improve maternal health, increase access to childhood vaccines, and study the impact of social determinants of health:

- H.R. 4369, ***National Centers of Excellence in Continuous Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Act***,
- H.R. 654, ***Drug-Free Communities Pandemic Relief Act***,
- H.R. 2051, ***Methamphetamine Response Act of 2021***,
- H.R. 2379, ***State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act of 2021***,
- H.R. 2364, ***Synthetic Opioid Danger Awareness Act***,
- H.R. 2355, ***Opioid Prescription Verification Act of 2021***,
- H.R. 4026, ***Social Determinants of Health Data Analysis Act of 2021***,
- H.R. 3743, ***Supporting the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration Act***,
- H.R. 550, ***Immunization Infrastructure Modernization Act***,
- H.R. 1550, ***Promoting Resources to Expand Vaccination, Education and New Treatments for (PREVENT) HPV Cancers Act of 2021***,
- H.R. 951, ***Maternal Vaccination Act***,
- H.R. 4387, ***Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act of 2021***,
- H.R. 3742, ***Vaccine INFO (Information for Nursing Facility Operators) Act***,
- H.R. 2347, ***Strengthening the Vaccines for Children Act***,
- H.R. 3894, ***Collecting and Analyzing Resources Integral and Necessary for Guidance (CARING) for Social Determinants Act of 2021***, and
- H.R. 4406, ***Supporting Medicaid in the U.S. Territories Act***.

### ***Oversight Committee Advances PPE Supply Chain Bill***

The House Committee on Oversight and Reform advanced the ***Made in America Pandemic Preparedness Act*** (H.R. 4470) last week in a unanimous vote. The bill aims to increase preparedness for future pandemics by addressing shortages in the domestic personal protective equipment (PPE) supply chain. The legislation would create a requirement that all PPE in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) be produced domestically, unless an item cannot be manufactured to meet the nation's demand for quality and quantity. The bill would also incentivize domestic manufacturing of PPE through a 20% tax credit to producers of equipment that qualifies for inclusion in the SNS.

### ***E&C Leadership Seek Details on FDA Inspections***

House Energy and Commerce Committee Chair Frank Pallone (D-N.J.) and Ranking Member Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.) have sent a [letter](#) to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requesting information about the agency's backlog of foreign inspections. The lawmakers express concerns that delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic could impact the approval of new drug treatments and therapies. All non-critical, in-person inspections of foreign facilities were paused following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the FDA has resumed normal domestic inspections, foreign facilities are still being inspected via record reviews and remote evaluations. "One year into the pandemic, the strategy for resuming all inspections and addressing the backlog of delayed inspections remains unclear," the letter states. The lawmakers ask for details regarding what actions the agency has taken, or plans to take, to mitigate experienced and potential delays of drug approval decisions.

## ***Wyden, Grassley Urge Acceleration of OPO Enforcement***

A bipartisan group of senators is [urging](#) the Biden administration to hasten reforms that would increase oversight of organ procurement organizations (OPOs). A recently finalized regulation entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Organ Procurement Organizations Conditions for Coverage: Revisions to the Outcome Measure Requirements for Organ Procurement Organizations” aims to increase the accountability of OPOs but would not provide for the decertification of failing OPOs until 2026. The lawmakers argue that this protracted timeline for enforcement is problematic given the increase in the demand for transplants as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The [letter](#) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) was led by Sens. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa). The lawmakers highlight the particular impact of this issue on health equity, noting that “the failures of the current organ donation system disproportionately hurt patients of color.”

## ***Lawmakers Seek Details on CHIRA Implementation***

Sens. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) and Steve Daines (R-Mont.) are [asking](#) the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) for information regarding efforts to combat anti-competitive conduct in the health insurance sector following the enactment of the ***Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act (CHIRA) of 2020***. “Not much is publicly known about what the DOJ or the FTC have done to exercise their expanded authorities under the law,” the lawmakers state. The letter argues that CHIRA’s enactment will help antitrust authorities promote competition and transparency in the health care industry by “actually empowering them to examine—and take action against, where justified—potentially anticompetitive practices by the health care, dental, and vision insurance companies.”

## ***Caregivers Caucus Revived***

Sens. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.V.) are restarting the Assisting Caregivers Today (ACT) Caucus, with the support of AARP. The group will advocate on behalf of the work of family caregivers and provide education about the challenges that family caregivers face in supporting family members with physical or cognitive limits. According to Bennet and Capito, the estimated value of family caregivers’ unpaid work was \$470 billion in 2016.

## ***ARPA-H Listening Sessions***

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) are holding listening sessions with patient advocacy groups, researchers, scientific societies, and other stakeholders to inform the development of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H). More details and registration information can be found on the NIH events [webpage](#). Materials from the listening sessions, including agendas, summaries, presentations, and videos, will also be posted where applicable.

## ***HHS Extends COVID-19 Emergency Declaration***

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) extended its declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic as a public health emergency (PHE) on July 19. The emergency declaration has been in place since January 27, 2020. This latest [renewal](#) will be effective for an additional 90 days.

## ***AHA Expresses Support for Health Worker Vaccine Requirements***

The American Hospital Association (AHA) has joined dozens of provider and other health associations in support of vaccine mandates for health care workers. “The AHA supports hospitals and health systems that choose, based on local factors, to mandate COVID-19 vaccines for their workforce. Doing so will help protect the health and well-being of health care personnel and the patients and communities they proudly serve,” AHA CEO Rick Pollack stated in prepared remarks. America’s Essential Hospitals, the Association of American Medical Colleges, and the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology also support such requirements.

## Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Markups

*Senate Finance Committee hearing “Implementation and Enforcement of the United States – Mexico – Canada Agreement: One Year After Entry into Force;” 9:30 a.m.; July 27*

*Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee hearing “The Path Forward: Building on Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic;” 10:00 a.m.; July 27*

*Senate Judiciary Committee hearing “America Under Cyber Siege: Preventing and Responding to Ransomware Attacks;” 10:00 a.m.; July 27*

*House Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee on Health hearing “Aging in Place: Examining Veterans’ Access to Home and Community Based Services;” 10:00 a.m.; July 27*

*Senate Foreign Relations Committee markup of legislation, including S. 2297, International Pandemic Preparedness and COVID-19 Response Act; 9:00 a.m.; July 28*

*House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services hearing “Food for Thought: Examining Federal Nutrition Programs for Young Children and Infants;” 10:15 a.m.; July 28*

*Senate Judiciary Committee markup of drug pricing legislation, including S. 1425, Stop STALLING Act; S. 1428, Preserve Access to Affordable Generics and Biosimilars Act; S. 1388, Prescription Pricing for the People Act; and S. 1435, Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Act; 9:00 a.m.; July 29*

*House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health hearing “The Path Forward: Advancing Treatments and Cures for Neurodegenerative Diseases;” 11:00 a.m.; July 29*

## Recently Introduced Health Legislation

*H.R.4492 — To establish an interagency forum for biodefense preparedness, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Armed Services; Homeland Security; Agriculture*

*H.R.4491 — To amend the National Security Act of 1947 to modify the membership of the National Security Council, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]; Committees: House - Armed Services; Foreign Affairs; Intelligence (Permanent Select)*

*H.R.4486 — To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct annual surveys of veterans on experiences with medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]; Committees: House - Veterans’ Affairs*

*H.R.4480 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to require group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to provide coverage for services furnished via telehealth if such services would be covered if furnished in-person, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4479 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure equitable payment for, and preserve Medicare beneficiary access to, diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals under the Medicare hospital outpatient prospective payment system. Sponsor: Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.R.4476 – To establish the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Trade and Economic Security Council and the position of Assistant Secretary for Trade and Economic Security within the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Meijer, Peter [R-MI-3]; Committees: House - Homeland Security; Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4472 — To strengthen the use of patient-experience data within the benefit-risk framework for approval of new drugs. Sponsor: Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4470 — To amend title 41, United States Code, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to ensure availability of personal protective equipment during pandemics and other public health emergencies through stockpile requirements and domestic manufacturing incentives, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Oversight and Reform*

*H.R.4465 — To enhance transparency and accountability measures in Federal grantmaking to safeguard federally funded research and technology development, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]; Committees: House - Oversight and Reform*

*H.R.4459 — To amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify how controlled substance analogues that are imported or offered for import are to be regulated, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4450 — To require health insurance coverage for the treatment of infertility. Sponsor: Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Oversight and Reform; Armed Services; Veterans' Affairs*

*H.R.4449 — To provide low-income individuals with opportunities to enter and follow a career pathway in the health professions, to extend and expand demonstration projects, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]; Committees: House - Ways and Means*

*H.R.4439 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve coverage of adult oral health care under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4438 – To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to exclude from Federal health care programs health care providers performing certain acts forcing contraception with respect to individuals subject to a conservatorship. Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.R.4437 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for permanent payments for telehealth services furnished by Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics under the Medicare program. Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.Res.536 — Expressing support for the designation of the week of July 19 through July 25, 2021, as “Black Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week”, and supporting the goals and ideals of raising awareness and understanding of maternal mental health conditions as they affect Black individuals; Sponsor: Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.Res.538 — Supporting the goals and ideals of Bebe Moore Campbell Black, indigenous, and people of color (“BIPOC”) Mental Health Awareness Month in July 2021; Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]; Committees: House - Oversight and Reform*

*H.Res.539 — Recognizing the maternal health crisis in the United States and the importance of reducing mortality and morbidity among all women, and honoring mothers; Sponsor: Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4502 — Making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]; Committees: House – Appropriations*

*H.R.4506 — To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish tests and vaccinations to veterans during public health emergencies; Sponsor: Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs*

*H.R.4510 — To provide for the designation of areas as Health Enterprise Zones to reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes in such areas, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.R.4511 — To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize the use of emergency use authorization data and real world evidence gathered during an emergency to support premarket applications for drugs, biological products, and devices, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4528 — To direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to study the feasibility of establishing a pilot program to assign certain officers of the Armed Forces to serve as directors of medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Sponsor: Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs*

*S.2386 — A bill to amend the VA MISSION Act of 2018, to expand the peer specialist support program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to all medical centers of the Department, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs*

*S.2390 — A bill to allow Americans to receive paid leave time to process and address their own health needs and the health needs of their partners during the period following a pregnancy loss, an unsuccessful round of intrauterine insemination or of an assisted reproductive technology procedure, a failed adoption arrangement, a failed surrogacy arrangement, or a diagnosis or event that impacts pregnancy or fertility, to support related research and education, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.2401 — A bill to reauthorize the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Bob [D-PA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*H.R.4547 — To amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish additional criteria for determining when employers may join together in a group or association of employers that will be treated as an employer under section 3(5) of such Act for purposes of sponsoring a group health plan, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]; Committees: House - Education and Labor*

*H.R.4554 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide grants to support for States to identify and act on racial disparities, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4555 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a public education campaign across all relevant programs of the Health Resources and Services Administration to increase oral health literacy and awareness; Sponsor: Rep. Cardenas, Tony [D-CA-29]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4558 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction for health insurance costs in computing self-employment taxes; Sponsor: Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]; Committees: House - Ways and Means*

*H.R.4566 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to award grants to States to implement a tick identification pilot program; Sponsor: Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4571 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide mammography screening for veterans who served in locations associated with toxic exposure; Sponsor: Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs*

*H.R.4572 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an age rating adjustment to the applicable percentage used to determine the credit for coverage under qualified health plans; Sponsor: Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]; Committees: House - Ways and Means*

*H.R.4575 — To amend the VA MISSION Act of 2018, to expand the peer specialist support program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to all medical centers of the Department, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs*

*H.R.4576 — To allow Americans to receive paid leave time to process and address their own health needs and the health needs of their partners during the period following a pregnancy loss, an unsuccessful round of intrauterine insemination or of an assisted reproductive technology procedure, a failed adoption arrangement, a failed surrogacy arrangement, or a diagnosis or event that impacts pregnancy or fertility, to support related research and education, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]; Committees: House - Education and Labor; House Administration; Oversight and Reform; Judiciary*

*H.R.4583 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to expand the requirement for States to suspend, rather than terminate, an individual's eligibility for medical assistance under the State Medicaid plan while the individual is an inmate of a public institution, to apply to inmates of any age; Sponsor: Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4587 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to revise certain regulations in relation to the Medicare shared savings program and other advanced alternative payment arrangements to encourage participation in such program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce*

*S.2411 — A bill to prevent surprise medical bills with respect to COVID-19 testing; Sponsor: Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.2412 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect coverage for screening mammography, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*S.2413 — A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to expand the requirement for States to suspend, rather than terminate, an individual's eligibility for medical assistance under the State Medicaid plan while the individual is an inmate of a public institution, to apply to inmates of any age; Sponsor: Sen. Markey, Edward [D-MA]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*S.2415 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the use of retirement plan funds to obtain long-term care insurance, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*S.2416 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for expedited coding and coverage of novel medical products, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]; Committees: Senate - Finance*



**S.2422 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program supporting trauma center violence intervention and violence prevention programs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Cardin, Ben [D-MD]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**

**S.2425 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure the provision of high-quality service through the Suicide Prevention Lifeline, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Reed, John [D-RI]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**

**H.Res.545 — Supporting the ideals of Bump Day, a global advocacy day for maternal health, and reaffirming United States leadership to end preventable maternal deaths in the United States and globally; Sponsor: Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.Con.Res.42 — Expressing the sense of Congress that governmental entities should use a portion of the proceeds from litigation against opioid manufacturers and distributors to increase participation in drug take back programs and for the safe disposal of collected, unused medicines; Sponsor: Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.4591 — To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress periodic reports on the costs of the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization program; Sponsor: Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs**

**H.R.4595 — To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a program to provide health care coverage to low-income adults in States that have not expanded Medicaid; Sponsor: Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.4612 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect coverage for screening mammography, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Veterans' Affairs**

**S.2444 — A bill to provide for research and education with respect to uterine fibroids, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Booker, Cory [D-NJ]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**

**S.2448 — A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that, under certain circumstances, an interactive computer service provider that allows for the proliferation of health misinformation through that service shall be treated as the publisher or speaker of that misinformation, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]; Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation**

**S.2450 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a rural health center innovation awards program and a rural health department enhancement program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**

**H.R.4624 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve access to health care for veterans, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs**

**H.R.4625 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify and improve the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs**

**H.R.4626 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to require an independent assessment of health care delivery systems and management processes of the Department of Veterans Affairs be conducted once every 10 years, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs**

*H.R.4627 — To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish standards and requirements for non-Department mental health care providers participating in Department of Veterans Affairs Community Care program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs*

*H.R.4628 — To provide for the issuance of a Veterans Health Care Stamp; Sponsor: Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]; Committees: House - Oversight and Reform; Veterans' Affairs*

*H.R.4636 — To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow parental choice in the selection of primary health insurance coverage or primary coverage under a group health plan for certain dependent children; Sponsor: Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Education and Labor*

*H.R.4640 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for certain reforms with respect to medicare supplemental health insurance policies; Sponsor: Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4649 — To amend title VI of the Social Security Act to allow for the use of the Coronavirus State fiscal recovery fund to support mental and behavioral health programs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]; Committees: House - Oversight and Reform*

*H.R.4650 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for dental and oral health care benefits under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.R.4661 — To establish a National Supply Chain Database, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Meijer, Peter [R-MI-3]; Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology*

*H.R.4662 — To establish a National Supply Chain Database, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Meijer, Peter [R-MI-3]; Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology*

*H.R.4669 — To expand cost sharing reductions with respect to qualified health plans offered through an Exchange, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.R.4670 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage and payment for certain tests and assistive telehealth consultations, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Veterans' Affairs*