



## Health Policy Briefing

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### Senate Passage of BIF Expected This Week

The Senate agreed to proceed to debate on the \$550 billion bipartisan infrastructure framework by a vote of 66-28 on Friday. Sixteen Republicans, including Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), joined Democrats in advancing the legislation. The bill, which contains traditional infrastructure-related provisions to fund roads, bridges, transit, and broadband build-out, is expected to pass with bipartisan support this week after weeks of back and forth, closed-door negotiations led by Sens. Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.) and Rob Portman (R-Ohio). Agreement was recently reached on how to fully offset the bill. Pay-fors include re-purposing \$200 billion in unspent COVID-19 relief funds – but leaving unspent money in the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) untouched - and further delaying the Trump-era rebate rule for \$49 billion in savings. The bill also saves \$3 billion through a provision requiring rebates from pharmaceutical manufacturers for certain physician-administered single-use medications, meant to discourage the packaging of single-use vials with more than the recommended amount of drug. An additional \$9 billion of the bill’s cost will be covered by an extension of the Medicare sequester. After release and introduction of the [final bill](#) language on Sunday afternoon, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said the chamber could wrap up work on the bipartisan bill “in a matter of days.” Final congressional action, however, will not come until after the House returns from a recess in September.

Senate passage of the bipartisan infrastructure framework would facilitate Senate consideration of a fiscal year (FY) 2022 budget resolution, containing reconciliation instructions for passage of President Joe Biden’s broader economic agenda and Democratic party priorities, including climate change, taxes, and health care reform. Budget Committee Chairman Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) has stated that he expects the chamber to cancel its first week of August recess, scheduled to begin August 9, to vote on the budget

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resolution, and Democrats have the 50 votes necessary to ensure passage. Sen. Sanders does not expect the reconciliation package to be voted on until September.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) has said that her chamber will not vote on the bipartisan infrastructure legislation until the Senate passes the broader reconciliation bill. With the Senate evenly divided and the Democrats' House majority lessened to three following the swearing in of Rep. Jake Ellzey (R-Texas) to replace the late Rep. Ron Wright on Friday, Democratic leadership in both chambers will have to balance the interests of the centrist and more progressive factions of the party in drafting the larger partisan package.

### ***House Passes FY 2022 Labor-HHS Minibus***

The House of Representatives passed a \$600 billion fiscal year (FY) 2022 minibus spending bill last week by a party-line vote of 219-208. The seven-bill package used the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education legislation (H.R. 4502) as the vehicle while adding 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. Members voted to add a series of amendments to the package including the addition of \$2.5 million for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to convene a conference on food, nutrition, hunger, and health; an increase of \$3 million for Lyme disease research; an addition of \$10 million to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Autism Developmental Disability Monitoring Network; and the addition of language highlighting the need for the FDA to proceed with regulations on cannabidiol (CBD).

A continuing resolution (CR) is expected to be necessary to avoid a government shutdown at the end of the fiscal year on September 30, as the House bills contain provisions considered nonstarters amongst Republicans, including the elimination of a longstanding ban on federal funding for abortions (also known as the Hyde amendment). The Senate has not yet released any of its appropriations measures but is scheduled to mark up its Agriculture-FDA, Energy and Water, and Military Construction-VA bills this week.

### ***Senate Judiciary Passes Bills to Increase Competition in Pharmaceutical Industry***

The Senate Judiciary Committee advanced four bills by voice vote aimed at increasing competition and reducing prices in the prescription drug market last week. The bipartisan legislation approved by the committee includes:

- The ***Stop Significant and Time-wasting Abuse Limiting Legitimate Innovation of New Generics (Stop STALLING) Act*** (S. 1425);
- The ***Preserve Access to Affordable Generics and Biosimilars Act*** (S. 1428);
- The ***Prescription Pricing for the People Act of 2021*** (S. 1388); and
- The ***Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Act of 2021*** (S. 1435).

### ***Lawmakers Urge HHS to Consider Canadian Drug Importation***

A bipartisan group of senators have sent a [letter](#) to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra calling on the department to allow Americans to import certain prescription drugs from Canada. "As the Administration considers options for lowering the cost of prescription drugs for patients, we urge your support for permanent solutions that will allow Americans to safely and personally import their medication," the letter states. The lawmakers express support for the ***Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act*** (S. 259), which would permit personal importation of certain safe and effective prescription drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada. The letter was signed by Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Angus King (D-Maine), and Susan Collins (R-Maine).

## ***New Restrictions, Vaccine Requirements in Response to Delta Variant***

President Joe Biden announced last week that all federal workers must be vaccinated against COVID-19 or submit to regular testing, social distancing, mask requirements, and travel restrictions. The order followed revised [guidance](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) which advises all individuals to wear masks indoors in public in places where COVID-19 is rapidly spreading. According to a new internal CDC report, the latest Delta variant is as contagious as chickenpox – and is more contagious than the viruses that cause MERS, SARS, Ebola, the common cold, seasonal flu, and smallpox – and can be spread by vaccinated people just as easily as those who are unvaccinated. In an effort to increase the nation's vaccination rate, the Treasury Department will expand tax credits for businesses that provide paid time off to employees getting vaccinated, recovering from vaccination, or helping family members to get the vaccine. President Biden is also encouraging state and local governments to offer \$100 payments to newly vaccinated Americans.

Rep. Clay Higgins (R-La.) has become the second member of the House of Representatives in a week to test positive for coronavirus. It is the second time that Higgins has contracted the virus; he has not clarified whether or not he has received the vaccine. Several congressional staff members, including individuals who have already been fully vaccinated, have also tested positive for COVID-19 in recent days. Congress' attending physician is once again requiring mask-wearing for individuals in all House Office buildings, the Hall of the House, and House committee meetings to stem the spread of the Delta variant. Failure to wear a mask will result in fines. The White House is also requiring staff to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, amidst the increasing spread of the Delta variant. The attending physician's recommendation to the Senate reiterates the importance of all individuals wearing a well-fitted mask, but stops short of requiring masks in the Senate chamber. The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, however, did decide to postpone a hearing scheduled for last Wednesday because of the potential exposure of some of the panel's members to COVID-19.

## ***Major Health Care Orgs Push For Vaccine Requirements***

More than 50 groups representing health care professionals, including the American College of Surgeons, American Medical Association (AMA), and American Nurses Association (ANA), released a joint statement last week endorsing a mandate for health care workers to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. "Due to the recent COVID-19 surge and the availability of safe and effective vaccines, our health care organizations and societies advocate that all health care and long-term care employers require their workers to receive the COVID-19 vaccine," the organizations state. "This is the logical fulfillment of the ethical commitment of all health care workers to put patients as well as residents of long-term care facilities first and take all steps necessary to ensure their health and well-being."

## ***PPP Direct Forgiveness Portal Opens***

Borrowers with Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans of \$150,000 or less will be able to apply directly to the Small Business Administration (SBA) for loan forgiveness, instead of going through their lender, as laid out in an [interim final rule](#) recently released by the agency. Lenders will be allowed to opt in to this alternative method for processing the loans in an effort to reduce the burden on lenders for servicing forgiveness applications.

## ***Stakeholders Request Telehealth Flexibilities Be Made Permanent***

A group of 430 health and technology organizations have sent a [letter](#) to congressional leadership urging lawmakers to extend telehealth flexibilities for Medicare beneficiaries beyond the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). The groups argue that the policies contained in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) recently proposed Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS), which would extend Medicare coverage of telehealth services through the end of 2023, do not do enough to maintain telehealth access. "Congress must act to ensure that the Secretary has the tools to transition following the end of the public health emergency and ensure telehealth is regulated the same as in-person services," the letter states. It asks Congress to remove geographic restrictions on patients and providers, expand the types of services eligible for telehealth and how they are delivered, and remove a restriction requiring mental telehealth patients to receive an in-person visit every six months.

### ***Lawmakers Press Facebook on COVID-19 Misinformation***

Sen. Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) has sent a [letter](#) to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg requesting that the company immediately release data about the spread of coronavirus vaccine-related misinformation on its social media platform. The letter cites reports that Facebook is not moving fast enough when it comes to removing vaccine misinformation, and details the company's past failure "to provide straightforward answers to Congressional inquiries." Menendez asks for details about how many users have viewed and were recommended vaccine misinformation, and how many accounts spreading misinformation have been removed, by August 10. Reps. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.) and Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) sent a similar [letter](#) to Zuckerberg last week, calling on the company to publish the results of an internal study that reportedly examined that company's role in the spread of COVID-19-related misinformation.

### ***GAO Releases Report on MA Disenrollment***

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has released a new [report](#) indicating that Americans are more likely to leave the Medicare Advantage (MA) program as they age. Medicare Advantage enrollees in their final year of life switched to Medicare fee-for-service more than twice as often as other MA beneficiaries. GAO suggests that the choice to switch may be due to "potential limitations accessing specialized care." GAO noted that it excluded hospice payments from their comparison since hospice services for MA beneficiaries are provided under FFS. The agency recommends monitoring end-of-life MA disenrollments to identify and address potential quality of care concerns.

### ***Burr Releases Latest White Paper on Pandemic Response***

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee Ranking Member Richard Burr (R-N.C.) has released a new [report](#) on improving existing public health programs and maintaining vigilance for the next public health threat. The white paper, *Preparing for Future Health Threats: Improving and Sustaining Foundational Public Health Capabilities in Response to COVID-19*, is the latest in a series of documents examining the federal government's pandemic response. The report includes the following recommendations:

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Congress, collaborating with states, localities, and other stakeholders, should evaluate our ability to ensure public health programs are meeting the mark, and address silos that may exist within and between programs; and
- A strategic focus on public health preparedness must be maintained by increasing the visibility of public health programs and better characterizing the impact they have on day-to-day public health to encourage continued support.

### ***Debt Limit in Effect as of Aug. 1***

Following a two-year suspension, the debt limit came back into effect on August 1, requiring the Treasury Department to take "extraordinary measures" to prevent the U.S. from defaulting on its obligations. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has warned that such extraordinary measures could be exhausted soon after Congress returns from its August recess, while the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that lawmakers will likely have until October or November to raise or suspend the debt limit. Republicans have expressed opposition to a clean debt increase or suspension, with some suggesting that any change be tied to spending cuts and entitlement reform.

## **Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Markups**

***Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022; 5:45 p.m.; August 2***

***Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee markup of S.1486, Pregnant Workers Fairness Act; S.1543, Suicide Training and Awareness Nationally Delivered for Universal Prevention (STANDUP) Act; S.2425, Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act; and S.2401, 21st Century Assistive Technology Act; time TBD; August 3***

**Recently Introduced Health Legislation**

*S.Res.319 — A resolution expressing support for the designation of July 2021 as “National Sarcoma Awareness Month”; Sponsor: Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.2467 — A bill to provide for a Public Health Emergency Fund, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*H.Res.556 — Recognizing the importance of access to comprehensive, high-quality, life-affirming medical care for women of all ages; Sponsor: Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4683 — To establish a process for the testing and evaluation of the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation of the Department of Defense; Sponsor: Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]; Committees: House - Veterans’ Affairs; Armed Services*

*S.2486 — A bill to authorize the use of drugs, vaccines, and medical technologies to expand military and civilian access to such products and to improve transparency in taxpayer-funded biomedical research investments by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]; Committees: Senate - Armed Services*

*S.2488 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand the capacity of the suicide prevention lifeline and mental health crisis centers; Sponsor: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]; Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation*

*H.Res.563 — Recognizing July 28, 2021, as “World Hepatitis Day”; Sponsor: Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.Res.564 — Reaffirming the comprehensive United States approach to tobacco control and encouraging the World Health Organization to embrace technological advancements to combat noncommunicable diseases; Sponsor: Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs*

*H.R.4701 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to increase provider and supplier oversight under State Medicaid plans, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4711 — To amend the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 to include principal negotiating objectives of the United States relating to trade in pharmaceutical products, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Rules*

*S.Res.325 — A resolution recognizing the seriousness of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and expressing support for the designation of September 2021 as “PCOS Awareness Month”; Sponsor: Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.2493 — A bill to extend the deadline for eligible health care providers to use certain funds received from the COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Bennet, Michael [D-CO]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.2495 — A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to maintain a list of the country of origin of all drugs marketed in the United States, to ban the use of Federal funds for the purchase of drugs manufactured in the People’s Republic of China, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

**S.2507 — A bill to establish a grant to provide mental health services and behavioral health services to at-risk youth, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Booker, Cory [D-NJ]; Committees: Senate – Judiciary**

**S.2525 — A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require research and development to identify and evaluate the extent to which critical domain risks within the United States supply chain pose a substantial threat to homeland security, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]; Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs**

**S.2526 — A bill to authorize the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into agreements for the planning, design, and construction of facilities to be operated as shared medical facilities, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs**

**H.Res.568 — Expressing that the United States is obligated to permanently end the unhoused crisis by 2025 and uphold, protect, and enforce the civil and human rights of unhoused individuals, including the human rights to housing, universal healthcare, livable wages, education, employment opportunities, access to public facilities, free movement in public spaces, privacy, confidentiality, internet access, vote, freedom from harassment by law enforcement, private businesses, property owners, and housed residents, and equal rights to health care, legal representation, and social services without discrimination based on housing status; Sponsor: Rep. Bush, Cori [D-MO-1]; Committees: House - Financial Services; Energy and Commerce; Education and Labor; Judiciary; Agriculture; Ways and Means**

**H.R.4735 — To extend the deadline for eligible health care providers to use certain funds received from the COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.4744 — To establish a grant to provide mental health services and behavioral health services to at-risk youth, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Cardenas, Tony [D-CA-29]; Committees: House – Judiciary**

**H.R.4748 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to revise HIPAA regulations to ensure patient access to telehealth services; Sponsor: Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.4749 — To prohibit Federal funds from being made available for certain solicitation of COVID-19 vaccines; Sponsor: Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.4755 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove cost-sharing responsibilities for chronic care management services under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means**

**H.R.4757 — To authorize the use of certain drugs, vaccines, and medical technologies to expand military and civilian access to such products, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]; Committees: House - Armed Services; Judiciary**

**H.R.4770 — To study the effects of changes to telehealth under the Medicare and Medicaid programs during the COVID-19 emergency; Sponsor: Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means**

**S.2531 — A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to give States the option to extend the Medicaid drug rebate program to the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Warner, Mark [D-VA]; Committees: Senate – Finance**

**S.2533 — A bill to improve mammography services furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs**

*S.2536 — A bill to require the Government Accountability Office to submit a report on the public health mitigation messaging and guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Sponsor: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.2538 — A bill to reauthorize a program of grants to hospitals and emergency departments to develop, implement, enhance, or study alternatives to opioids for pain management, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Booker, Cory [D-NJ]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.2546 — A bill to require the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to develop standards for “Reef Safe” and “Ocean Safe” labels for sunscreen; Sponsor: Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]; Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation*

*S.2555 — A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a task force to address the effects of the release of perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances from activities of the Department of Defense, to include exposure to such substances in periodic health assessments of members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]; Committees: Senate - Armed Services*

*S.2556 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect beneficiaries with limb loss and other orthopedic conditions by providing access to appropriate, safe, effective, patient-centered orthotic and prosthetic care, to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse with respect to orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Warner, Mark [D-VA]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*S.2562 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve extended care services by providing Medicare beneficiaries with an option for cost effective home-based extended care under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*S.2565 — A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for the testing of a community-based palliative care model; Sponsor: Sen. Rosen, Jacklyn [D-NV]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*S.2566 — A bill to require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test allowing blood transfusions to be paid separately from the Medicare hospice all-inclusive per diem payment; Sponsor: Sen. Rosen, Jacklyn [D-NV]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*S.2570 — A bill to establish grant programs to improve the health of residents along the United States-Mexico and United States-Canada borders and for all hazards preparedness in the border areas, including with respect to bioterrorism, infectious disease, and other emerging biothreats, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Lujan, Ben [D-NM]; Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations*

*H.Res.572 — Honoring the 50th anniversary of the National Black Nurses Association; Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4794 — To improve mammography services furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs; Armed Services*

*H.R.4800 — To require the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to develop standards for “Reef Safe” and “Ocean Safe” labels for sunscreen; Sponsor: Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4803 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for acupuncturist services under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.R.4808 — To require the Government Accountability Office to submit a report on the public health mitigation messaging and guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Sponsor: Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4809 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to innovative new medical devices furnished to individuals with end stage renal disease under part B of the Medicare program by establishing a new device add-on payment adjustment under such part; Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.R.4811 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate prices of drugs furnished under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Oversight and Reform; Veterans' Affairs; Armed Services*

*H.R.4812 — To establish grant programs to improve the health of residents along the United States-Mexico and United States-Canada borders and for all hazards preparedness in the border areas, including with respect to bioterrorism, infectious disease, and other emerging biothreats, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Foreign Affairs*

*H.R.4813 — To limit the price of insulin drugs accessible for participants, beneficiaries, and enrollees enrolled in group or individual health insurance coverage and group health plans and for uninsured individuals who have diabetes, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Education and Labor*

*H.R.4820 — To reduce the number of reports that are political or redundant and to alleviate regulatory burdens on the health care industry, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Good, Bob [R-VA-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4824 — To amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to limit copayments for outpatient visits for mental health or behavioral health under the TRICARE program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]; Committees: House - Armed Services*

*H.R.4846 — To reauthorize a program of grants to hospitals and emergency departments to develop, implement, enhance, or study alternatives to opioids for pain management, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.4859 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve sole community hospital determinations made by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]; Committees: House - Ways and Means*