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Supreme Court Rejects ACA Challenge

The Supreme Court rejected the latest challenge to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in a 7-2 ruling last week. The court held that the Republican-controlled states and two individuals who brought the lawsuit could not prove they were injured. Liberal Justice Stephen Breyer wrote the majority opinion, stating that the plaintiffs lacked legal standing to go to court. Justice Neil Gorsuch joined Justice Samuel Alito in the dissenting opinion, arguing that “no one can fail to be impressed by the lengths to which this court has been willing to go to defend the ACA against all threats.”

House Dems Adopt Deeming Resolution

Democrats in the House of Representatives have adopted a 302(a) topline spending level of \$1.5 trillion for fiscal year (FY) 2022 spending. The deeming proposal (H.Res. 467) does not specify funding levels for defense and nondefense spending and does not influence Senate allocations. Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) stated that he hopes the Senate will begin marking up appropriations legislation in July. Ranking Member Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) has said that he expects multiple continuing resolutions (CR) will be necessary to fund the federal government beyond September 30, the end of the fiscal year.

HELP Advances Health Nominees

The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee advanced the nominations of Dawn O’Connell to serve as Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and Miriam Delphin-Rittmon for Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), each by a vote of 20-2. O’Connell has been a senior counselor for the COVID-19 response since the start of the Biden administration, having previously served as the director of the U.S. Office of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations. Delphin-Rittmon is Associate Professor Adjunct of Psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine and Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

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Congressional Tri-Caucus Pushes for Medicaid Expansion

Members of the Congressional Tri-Caucus, comprised of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, sent [letters](#) to President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and congressional leadership urging the federal government to expand Medicaid coverage in those states that have yet to do so. The lawmakers suggest using the American Families Plan to close any remaining Medicaid coverage gaps, arguing that this is “one of the single most important steps” to reduce U.S. health inequities. “Addressing the Medicaid coverage gap is critical both in correcting decades of unacceptable and unjust denial of health care coverage to underserved and minority populations throughout the United States and in protecting our nation from future pandemics,” the letter states.

Members Call for Postpartum Medicaid Expansion and Passage of Momnibus

A group of more than 160 congressional Democrats have sent a [letter](#) to Democratic leadership in support of permanently expanding postpartum Medicaid coverage for a year in the next recovery package, and to include provisions aimed at reducing maternal mortality for women of color. The lawmakers argue that these policies “are necessary investments that will save lives, promote health equity, and advance the fundamental principle that in America, every family has a right to thrive—a principle that begins with a safe and healthy pregnancy and birth.” The United States has the highest maternal mortality rate of any high-income country and the only rate that is rising, and the pregnancy-related mortality rate for Black women in the U.S. is three to four times higher than the rate for white women.

Becerra, Manchin Comment on Lack of Permanent FDA Leader

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra stated last week that the President needs more time to determine who will lead the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on a permanent basis. Janet Woodcock is currently serving as acting commissioner, a position she will likely only be allowed to remain in until sometime in August. Woodcock has faced criticism in recent weeks for the agency’s decision to approve Biogen Inc.’s Aduhelm for the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease despite opposition from the FDA’s independent advisory committee. Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) sent a [letter](#) to the administration last week urging the President to quickly replace Woodcock with an ‘acceptable’ permanent leader. He states that the agency’s decision to go against its advisory committee’s recommendations on Aduhelm “underscores the fact that more of the same leadership at the agency is not the answer... You need to nominate a commissioner suited to address our public health challenges immediately, to set your agenda at this crucial agency for your first year, and give the Senate time to consider your nominee.”

GAO Releases Report on DTC Advertising

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has released a new [report](#) finding that the Medicare program and its beneficiaries spent \$560 billion on prescription drugs between 2016 and 2018, with nearly 60% of spending going to products advertised directly to consumers. The GAO indicates that while direct-to-consumer (DTC) advertising may increase patient use and spending on drugs, other factors such as physician prescribing decisions are also at play. Pharmaceutical manufacturers spent approximately \$6 billion each year on DTC advertising for 553 drugs. Almost half of all ad spending was for prescription drugs that treat chronic conditions, and almost all spending was for on brand drug products. Two-thirds of ad dollars were spent on just 39 drugs.

MedPAC June 2021 Report to Congress

The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) released its [June Report to Congress](#) last week. Amongst other recommendations, MedPAC recommends that lawmakers replace Medicare's value-based purchasing program for nursing homes, change the Medicare Advantage (MA) program payment determination methodology, reduce the number of Medicare alternative payment models (APMs), move all Medicare preventive vaccine coverage into Part B, and modify Medicare's vaccine payment methodology and data collection practices. The report also contains the commission's summary of the impact of private equity investments on the Medicare program and an interim report on beneficiaries' access to care in rural areas.

OSHA ETS Expected to Go into Effect Today

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently released a long-awaited emergency rule outlining workplace safety standards for the health care services and support industry for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic. The emergency temporary standard (ETS) details what health care employers must do to protect their workers from COVID-19. The rule requires social distancing protocols, proper patient screening, paid time off for vaccination, and encouraging employees to get the vaccine. Workplaces where all workers are fully vaccinated and where people who may have COVID-19 are barred are carved out of the regulation. The ETS will take effect on the date that it is published in the Federal Register. It is currently listed as a special filing to the Federal Register, scheduled to be published on June 21, 2021. Once the ETS is in effect, employers must comply with most provisions within 14 days and with the remaining provisions within 30 days. To help employers assess whether the ETS is applicable to their worksites, OSHA has provided a flowchart, available [here](#).

In related news, the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee advanced the nomination of Doug Parker to lead OSHA by a vote of 13-9 last week. Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) joined their Democratic colleagues on the panel in voting to approve the nomination. It remains unclear when Parker's confirmation vote before the full Senate will be scheduled. The nominee currently serves as the head of the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health.

Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Markups

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee hearing “Vaccines: America’s Shot at Ending the COVID-19 Pandemic;” 10:00 a.m.; June 22

Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Intellectual Property hearing “Protecting Real Innovations by Improving Patent Quality;” 2:30 p.m.; June 22

House Oversight and Reform Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy hearing “An Epidemic Continues: Youth Vaping in America;” 10:00 a.m.; June 23

Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Cyber hearing to receive testimony on recent ransomware attacks; 2:00 p.m.; June 23

House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health hearing “Empowered by Data: Legislation to Advance Equity and Public Health;” 10:30 a.m.; June 24

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies; Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies markup of fiscal year 2022 appropriations legislation; time TBD; June 25

House Appropriations Committee markup of fiscal year 2022 appropriations legislation for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies; Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies; time TBD; June 30

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies markup of fiscal year 2022 appropriations legislation; time TBD; July 12

House Appropriations Committee markup of fiscal year 2022 appropriations legislation for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies; time TBD; July 15

Recently Introduced Health Legislation

H.Res.469 — Expressing support for the designation of June 2021 as “Migraine and Headache Awareness Month”. Sponsor: Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]; Committees: Energy and Commerce

H.Res.471 — Recognizing the seriousness of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and expressing support for the designation of the month of September 2021 as “PCOS Awareness Month”. Sponsor: Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]; Committees: Energy and Commerce

H.R.3858 — To establish a national science and technology strategy, a quadrennial science and technology review. Sponsor: Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]; Committees: Science, Space, and Technology

H.R.3856 — To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disparities associated with race and ethnicity with respect to certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Sponsor: Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]; Committees: Veterans’ Affairs

H.R.3851 — To improve support for research and development of advanced pharmaceutical manufacturing techniques and workforce. Sponsor: Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]; Committees: Science, Space, and Technology

H.R.3848 — To establish the National Commission on Critical Supply Chains, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]; Committees: Energy and Commerce

H.R.3846 — To direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to create a program that plans for, establishes, and supports Technology Research Institutes. Sponsor: Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]; Committees: Science, Space, and Technology

H.R.3841 — To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the collection and availability of health data with respect to Indian Tribes. Sponsor: Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]; Committees: Energy and Commerce

H.R.3834 — To provide a requirement to improve data collection efforts. Sponsor: Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]; Committees: Energy and Commerce

H.R.3831 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for certain rules regarding the treatment of eligible retirement plans in determining the eligibility of individuals for premium and cost-sharing subsidies under part D of the Medicare program. Sponsor: Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]; Committees: Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.3820 — To enforce the requirement that the National Instant Criminal Background Check System make a final disposition of requests to correct its records within 60 days. Sponsor: Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]; Committees: Judiciary

H.R.3809 — To direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to establish a Chief Diversity Officer position and to develop a strategic plan to ensure participation in NSF activities by a diverse group of learners, researchers, and institutions. Sponsor: Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]; Committees: Science, Space, and Technology

H.R.3808 — To provide for a demonstration project to further examine the benefits of providing coverage and payment for items and services necessary to administer intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) in the home, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]; Committees: Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.3806 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a methodology for determining State allotments for Medicaid disproportionate share hospital payments that is based on State poverty levels, to require States to prioritize disproportionate share hospital payments on the basis of Medicaid inpatient utilization and low-income utilization rates, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]; Committees: Energy and Commerce

H.R.3804 — To authorize major medical facility projects of the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2021. Sponsor: Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]; Committees: Veterans' Affairs

S.2041 — A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enforce the licensure requirement for medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Sponsor: Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs

S.2043 — A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on the premises of any facility of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs

S.2047 — A bill to ban the use of intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances in cosmetics; Sponsor: Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

H.R.3868 — To protect individual liberty, ensure privacy, and prohibit discrimination with respect to the vaccination status of individuals, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]; Committees: House - Judiciary; Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure; Education and Labor; Foreign Affairs; Oversight and Reform; House Administration

H.R.3880 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for contributions to the Alzheimer's Research and Caregiving Trust Fund, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce; Education and Labor

H.R.3883 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on the premises of any facility of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs

S.2048 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare; Sponsor: Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.2051 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for custom fabricated breast prostheses following a mastectomy; Sponsor: Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.2061 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure coverage of mental health services furnished through telehealth; Sponsor: Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.2069 — A bill to expand the Medicaid certified community behavioral health clinic demonstration program and to authorize funding for additional grants to certified community behavioral health clinics; Sponsor: Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]; Committees: Senate - Finance

H.R.3890 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to address physician assistant training needs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3893 — To improve kidney disease research, prevention, surveillance, and treatment in minority populations and rural and underserved communities, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3894 — To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue and disseminate guidance to States to clarify strategies to address social determinants of health under the Medicaid program and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3904 — To increase the annual funding for the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Fund, the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, and the Offices of Minority Health within the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Food and Drug Administration, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to enable the United States and State departments of public health to better combat disparities that have emerged during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

S.Res.272 — A resolution expressing support for health and wellness coaches; Sponsor: Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.2076 — A bill to establish a program to develop antimicrobial innovations targeting the most challenging pathogens and most threatening infections; Sponsor: Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.2082 — A bill to mitigate drug shortages and provide incentives for maintaining, expanding, and relocating the manufacturing of active pharmaceutical ingredients, excipients, medical diagnostic devices, pharmaceuticals, and personal protective equipment in the United States, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]; Committees: Senate - Finance

H.Res.481 — Expressing support for health and wellness coaches; Sponsor: Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.Res.482 — Supporting National Men’s Health Week; Sponsor: Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]; Committees: House - Oversight and Reform

H.R.3927 — To mitigate drug shortages and provide incentives for maintaining, expanding, and relocating the manufacturing of active pharmaceutical ingredients, excipients, medical diagnostic devices, pharmaceuticals, and personal protective equipment in the United States, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Carter, Earl L. “Buddy” [R-GA-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.3932 — To establish a program to develop antimicrobial innovations targeting the most challenging pathogens and most threatening infections; Sponsor: Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Veterans’ Affairs; Armed Services; Judiciary; Homeland Security

H.R.3947 — To prohibit the inclusion of mandatory predispute arbitration clauses and clauses limiting class action lawsuits in health insurance contracts; Sponsor: Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Education and Labor

H.R.3956 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the continued implementation of the Climate and Health program by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Sponsor: Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

S.Res.278 — A resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of United Spinal Association, a leading national advocacy organization that is dedicated to promoting the independence and enhancing the quality of life of all people living with spinal cord injuries and neurological disorders, including veterans, and providing support and information to their loved ones, care providers, and personal support networks; Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]; Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Voice Vote.

S.2094 — A bill to provide for a new building period with respect to the cap on full-time equivalent residents for purposes of payment for graduate medical education costs under the Medicare program for certain hospitals that have established a shortage specialty program; Sponsor: Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.2097 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the permissible first-dollar coverage of telehealth services for purposes of health savings accounts; Sponsor: Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.2099 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals who are not enrolled in a high deductible health plan to have access to health savings accounts, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.2100 — A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety of cosmetics; Sponsor: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.2101 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for contributions to the Alzheimer's Research and Caregiving Trust Fund, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.2102 — A bill 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: Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs

S.2105 — A bill to enhance mental health and psychological support within United States foreign assistance programs; Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]; Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

S.2110 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a virtual health pilot program to facilitate utilization of remote patient monitoring technology to maintain or expand access to health care services for individuals in rural areas, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.2111 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the waiver of certain telehealth requirements to permit reimbursement for audio-only telehealth services under the Medicare program during emergency declarations; Sponsor: Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.2112 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to provide for Medicare and Medicaid mental and behavioral health treatment through telehealth; Sponsor: Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.2113 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand permissible distributions from an employee's health flexible spending account or health reimbursement arrangement to their health savings account; Sponsor: Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.2114 — A bill to expand the definition of qualified persons for purposes of the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act to include health professional students; Sponsor: Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

H.Res.484 — Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should not waive intellectual property rights relating to COVID-19 vaccines or treatments; Sponsor: Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]; Committees: House - Judiciary

H.R.3961 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a demonstration project under the Medicaid program for political subdivisions of States to provide medical assistance for the expansion population under such program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3967 — To improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs; Armed Services

H.R.3969 — To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to include activities to address social determinants of health in the calculation of medical loss ratios; Sponsor: Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3978 — To make it unlawful to send a demand letter in bad faith for a patent relating to COVID-19 related products, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3984 — To amend title 28, United States Code, to provide a civil action against a foreign state for deliberate concealment or distortion of information with respect to an international public health emergency, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]; Committees: House - Judiciary

H.R.3988 — To enhance mental health and psychosocial support within United States foreign assistance programs; Sponsor: Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

H.R.3990 — To ban the use of intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances in cosmetics; Sponsor: Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3994 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization period for emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities under the Veterans Community Care Program; Sponsor: Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs

H.R.4008 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a virtual health pilot program to facilitate utilization of remote patient monitoring technology to maintain or expand access to health care services for individuals in rural areas, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.4012 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permanently include certain HCPCS codes as telehealth services under such title, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. [R-MT-At Large]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.4014 — To provide for a new building period with respect to the cap on full-time equivalent residents for purposes of payment for graduate medical education costs under the Medicare program for certain hospitals that have established a shortage specialty program; Sponsor: Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce