



## Health Policy Briefing

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### HELP Advances Lower Health Care Costs Act

The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee voted to advance the *Lower Health Care Costs Act* (S. 1895) last week. The bipartisan bill is a package of 54 different proposals from 36 Democrats and 29 Republicans to end surprise insurance gaps, reduce the prices of prescription drugs, and improve transparency in health care. The latest legislation added a provision from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) that would raise the legal age to buy tobacco products from 18 to 21. It also includes the *CREATES Act* (S. 974), aimed at spurring the creation of low-cost drugs and increasing generic competition.

The bill was voted out of committee by a 20-3 vote, with Sens. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) voting against the measure. Sanders objected to the bill because it proposes a flat, five-year extension of funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), which he argues would amount to a nearly 20 percent cut for both programs. Warren voted in opposition to the bill's lack of provisions to strengthen the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The committee added an amendment from Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.) that would require hospitals to tell patients when their plan has no in-network providers for a certain service.

Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) assured Cassidy that he would continue to work with him to make similar changes to strengthen the final bill. Lawmakers also agreed to an amendment based on the *FAIR Drug Pricing Act* (S. 1391) that would require pharmaceutical manufacturers to notify the government if they increase

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the price of a drug by more than 10 percent in one year or 25 percent over three years, and to justify the price increase. Chairman Alexander, who opposed the amendment, has stated that he will be requesting some changes to the provision before it reaches the floor. Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), the lead sponsor of S. 1391, said that the Chairman is only interested in adding clarifying language.

During the markup, some members of the panel expressed opposition to the bill's approach to settling payment disputes between insurers and providers in the case of a surprise medical bill. The legislation would set a benchmark payment rate at the median, in-network rate for each insurer of the particular geographical area. Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-Wash.) each appeared open to further revising the bill before it reaches the floor.

Chairman Alexander expects the Lower Health Care Costs Act to be coupled with drug pricing measures from the Senate Finance and Judiciary committees for consideration on the Senate floor in late July prior to August recess, but has said that he does not want to postpone a full Senate vote if the other panels' legislation is not ready. Details of the Senate Finance bill have not yet been announced. Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) hopes to release a bill in July, but negotiations with Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) are still ongoing. The two still have several areas of disagreement to work through and are reportedly discussing provisions to make manufacturers pay back money to Medicare Part D if prices rise faster than inflation or if a new drug is launched with a high price, as well as a measure to help states finance and establish quality metrics for expensive gene therapies.

The HELP Committee also advanced S. 1199, the *Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2019*, and S. 1173, the *Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Reauthorization Act of 2019* to the full Senate.

### ***House Passes Second Minibus Appropriations Bill***

The House of Representatives has passed its second minibus spending bill for fiscal year (FY) 2020. H.R. 3055, which provides funding for Agriculture-Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Commerce-Justice-Science, Interior-Enviornment, Military Construction-VA, and Transportation-Housing and Urban Development, passed by a vote of 227-194, largely along party lines. It includes a total of \$383 billion in spending. The White House has threatened to veto the measure in opposition to overall spending levels, arguing that it is unnecessary for non-defense spending to match or exceed defense spending. The House has now passed 10 of the 12 total appropriations bills for the coming fiscal year. The Senate has yet to begin work on FY 2020 appropriations. Senate leadership is still stuck on budget deal negotiations around top-line defense and non-defense spending figures and a debt ceiling increase. Appropriations Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) has stated that staff is already working on back-up appropriations bills if leadership provides clearance to move forward with their own top-line spending levels. The Senate will return from the Fourth of July recess on July 8, and the House will reconvene on July 9.

### ***PAHPAI Signed Into Law***

President Trump has signed the *Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation (PAHPAI) Act* into law. The legislation would reauthorize programs related to emergency preparedness and public health response efforts. Most of these programs expired last September but were funded under fiscal year (FY) 2019 appropriations legislation.

## **Update on Congressional Drug Pricing Negotiations**

The Senate Judiciary Committee advanced four pieces of drug pricing legislation to the full Senate for consideration last week. The *Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Act of 2019* (S. 1416) would cap the number of patents manufacturers can file for brand products. S. 1227 would require the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to review the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with relevant policy recommendations. S. 1224 would allow the FTC to revise the citizen petition process to prevent it from being used for delaying generic or biosimilar competition. S. 440 would prevent a patent owner from asserting sovereign immunity as a defense before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The panel hopes the bills will receive a full Senate vote before the August recess.

The bipartisan House Problem Solvers Caucus laid out a set of [principles](#) last week for assessing drug pricing proposals brought before Congress this year. The lawmakers support a clean vote on drug pricing legislation passed by the House earlier this year. The bills were previously coupled with fixes to shore up the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the individual market. The Caucus was joined by Sens. Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) in announcing the principles. The group hopes to convince House leadership to consider legislation that has the best chance of also passing the Senate and being signed into law by President Trump.

Democrats on the House Committee on Oversight and Reform have [written](#) to Gilead Sciences Inc. to request documents related to the pricing and patents for the HIV drug Truvada. Chairman Elijah Cummings (D-Md.) and Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.), Ro Khanna (D-Calif.), and Ayanna Pressley (D-Ill.) ask for information on any communications with federal agencies about donations of Truvada to the U.S. government, patents related to Truvada, how much it costs to make Truvada, and Truvada price increases since 2012. The letter requests a response by the end of July. It is a part Cummings' larger investigation into prescription drug pricing. The Chairman has said that he has received "fairly decent compliance" from companies so far, but that he would not rule out the use of subpoenas if necessary.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has released its score of the Prescription Drug STAR Act (H.R. 2113), which was reported out of the House Ways and Means Committee earlier this year. The budget office found that the bill would save \$1.7 billion over the next decade. The savings would primarily stem from requiring manufacturers to report the prices used to calculate Medicare payment rates for products administered in physicians' offices and hospital outpatient departments.

## **Johnson Requests Info on Medicaid Fraud and Abuse**

Chairman of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) has [asked](#) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Seema Verma for an update on the one-year anniversary of the agency's announcement of new efforts to combat fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicaid program. CMS' initiative was intended to help states more accurately determine Medicaid benefit eligibility. Sen. Johnson asks which states have been audited, what the audits found, whether any further actions have been taken to improve program integrity based on the results of the audits, and what analytics and solutions are being used to improve Medicaid eligibility and payment data.

## E&C Requests Opioid Briefings, Details on Drug Supply Chain Safety

Leadership of the House Energy and Commerce Committee have [written](#) to Acting Commissioner of Food and Drugs Ned Sharpless asking for two briefings related to the opioid epidemic. The panel is seeking information related to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) management of safeguards surrounding the prescription of certain fentanyl products as well as more details about the agency's 2001 decision to expand the label for Oxycontin to cover chronic, long-term pain. The letter was signed by Chairman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-N.J.), Ranking Member Greg Walden (R-Ore.), Health Subcommittee Chair Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.), Ranking Member Michael Burgess (R-Texas), Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Chair Diana DeGette (D-Colo.), and Ranking Member Brett Guthrie (R-Ky.).

Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member Walden are also questioning the FDA's ability to ensure the safety of the U.S. drug supply chain in light of recent recalls of generic blood-pressure medication tainted with possible carcinogens. The lawmakers have [asked](#) the agency for information about the FDA's inspections of foreign and domestic pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities, specifically as it relates to the Chinese firm Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. They have also [written](#) to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) asking for an investigation into the number of inspections that FDA conducts of foreign and domestic facilities, what resources the agency dedicates to its foreign offices, and how it chooses which facilities to inspect.

## Pallone Questions Legality of Medicaid Block Grants

Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee Frank Pallone (D-N.J.) has [written](#) to Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Alex Azar, warning that any decision by the administration to place a spending limit on the Medicaid program would be illegal. There have been recent reports that the Department is considering approving waivers to allow states to receive their federal Medicaid money through block grants. Rep. Pallone requests further details from the Secretary regarding the administration's plans for the waivers, which he argues would be outside the authority of HHS, no later than July 15.

## Courts Asks Democrats to Justify ACA Defense

The Fifth Circuit court of appeals has asked a group of Democratic state attorneys general and the U.S. House of Representatives to explain why they should be allowed to defend the ACA in court in light of the administration's refusal to do so. Democrats hope to overturn a December ruling that struck down the 2010 health care law as unconstitutional. The appeals court is asking why the House and states have standing to seek to uphold the law, and whether they were too slow to intervene in the case. The 5th Circuit will hear oral arguments in the case on July 9; last week's order calls for the parties to be prepared to discuss the issue of standing.

## Trump Signs Health Care Transparency Executive Order

President Trump has signed an [executive order](#) to increase health care price and quality transparency. The order calls on insurance companies, doctors, and hospitals to give patients more information about exactly what their care will cost before they receive it, asking for disclosure of actual prices insurance companies have agreed to pay health care providers. The order delegates the details of the transparency plan to regulators, and exactly what information providers and insurers will have to disclose is not specified. Forthcoming regulations will be drafted by HHS. The President also asks federal agencies to simplify and standardize the system of measuring and reporting the quality of care by providers so that patients can more easily compare the performance and prices. The executive order gives HHS Secretary Alex Azar 180 days to submit a report on additional steps the administration could take to implement the White House's principles to end surprise insurance gaps.

## Recently Introduced Health Legislation

**H.R.3398 — 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.3406 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve measurements under the skilled nursing facility value-based purchasing program under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.3408 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prescription drug plan sponsors to include real-time benefit information as part of such sponsor's electronic prescription program under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means**

**H.R.3414 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions to help combat the opioid crisis; Sponsor: Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.3415 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prescription drug plan sponsors to include real-time benefit information as part of such sponsor's electronic prescription program under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means**

**H.R.3416 — To provide for health equity and access for returning troops and servicemembers, to provide for ambulatory surgical payment transparency under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Armed Services**

**H.R.3417 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient improvements and rural and quality improvements under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.3425 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish rules for payment for graduate medical education (GME) costs for hospitals that establish a new medical residency training program after hosting resident rotators for short durations; Sponsor: Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.3429 — To provide for health equity and access for returning troops and servicemembers, to provide for ambulatory surgical payment transparency under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Armed Services**

**H.R.3430 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend funding for quality measure endorsement, input, and selection under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.3431 — To provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2021; Sponsor: Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means**

**H.R.3433 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for ambulatory surgical center representation during the review of hospital outpatient payment rates under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means**

**H.R.3436 — 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.3439 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and title XI of the Social Security Act to extend appropriations and transfers to the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund and to extend certain health insurance fees for such transfers, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.3443 — To clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved drug application, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.3445 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the work geographic index floor under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means**

**H.R.3446 — To establish a National Commission on Fibrotic Diseases; Sponsor: Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.3447 — To fully fund the Prevention and Public Health Fund and reaffirm the importance of prevention in the United States healthcare system; Sponsor: Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.3453 — 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**

**S.1944 — A bill to fully fund the Prevention and Public Health Fund and reaffirm the importance of prevention in the United States healthcare system; Sponsor: Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**

**S.1948 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit high deductible health plans to provide chronic disease prevention services to plan enrollees prior to satisfying their plan deductible; Sponsor: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]; Committees: Senate - Finance**

**H.R.3460 — To facilitate effective research on and treatment of neglected tropical diseases through coordinated international efforts; Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs**

**H.R.3461 — To establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Sanchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce**

**S.1960 — A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives; Sponsor: Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]; Committees: Senate - Finance**

**H.R.3495 — To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide financial assistance to eligible entities to provide and coordinate the provision of suicide prevention services for veterans at risk of suicide and veteran families through the award of grants to such entities, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs**

**H.R.3496 — To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, States and units of local government to develop, implement, or expand 1 or more programs to provide medication-assisted treatment to individuals who have opioid use disorder and are incarcerated within the jurisdictions of the States or units of local government; Sponsor: Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]; Committees: House - Judiciary**

**H.R.3502 — To amend the Public Health Service Act and title XI of the Social Security Act to protect health care consumers from surprise billing practices, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Oversight and Reform, Education and Labor**

**H.R.3520 — To reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.3523 — To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish reference prices for prescription drugs for purposes of Federal health programs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Reform, Natural Resources**

**S.1983 — A bill to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, States and units of local government to develop, implement, or expand 1 or more programs to provide medication-assisted treatment to individuals who have opioid use disorder and are incarcerated within the jurisdictions of the States or units of local government; Sponsor: Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]; Committees: Senate - Judiciary**

**S.1987 — A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish reference prices for prescription drugs for purposes of Federal health programs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**

**S.1989 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for transparency of Medicare secondary payer reporting information, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]; Committees: Senate - Finance**

**S.1993 — A bill to restrict Federal funding for health care entities that do not respect all human life and patient rights; Sponsor: Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**

**S.1995 — A bill to establish the Food Safety Administration to protect the public health by preventing foodborne illness, ensuring the safety of food, improving research on contaminants leading to foodborne illness and the chronic health outcomes associated with foodborne illnesses, improving the surveillance of foodborne pathogens (including foodborne pathogens identified as antibiotic resistant), and improving security of food from intentional contamination, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]; Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry**

**H.Res.467 — Recognizing the essential contributions of frontline health workers to strengthening the United States national security and economic prosperity, sustaining and expanding progress on global health, and saving the lives of millions of women, men, and children around the world; Sponsor: Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs**

**H.Res.470 — Expressing support for the designation of October 1, 2019, as "National Health Literacy Day" to recognize the value of health literacy in transforming and improving health and health care for all people in the United States; Sponsor: Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.3525 — To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish uniform processes for medical screening of individuals interdicted between ports of entry, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]; Committees: House - Homeland Security**

H.R.3527 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to assign the highest priority status for hospital care and medical services provided through the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans who are former prisoners of war; Sponsor: Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affair

H.R.3530 — 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: Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs

H.R.3534 — To amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise the operations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means

H.R.3539 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop best practices for the establishment and use of behavioral intervention teams at schools, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3554 — To incentivize State reporting systems that allow mental health professionals to submit information on certain individuals deemed dangerous for purposes of prohibiting firearm possession by such individuals, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]; Committees: House - Judiciary, Energy and Commerce

H.R.3558 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study on the state of hospital infrastructure in the United States, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3565 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that eligibility to contribute to health savings accounts is not affected by receipt of, or payment for, hospital care or medical services under any law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for both service connected and non-service connected disabilities to include hospital care medical services and extended care services; Sponsor: Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]; Committees: House - Ways and Means

H.R.3568 — 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.3573 — To increase research, education, and treatment for cerebral cavernous malformations; Sponsor: Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3580 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act and Public Health Service Act to improve the reporting of abortion data to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3584 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for certain amendments relating to reporting requirements with respect to clinical diagnostic laboratory tests, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means

S.1999 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide transitional coverage and retroactive Medicare part D coverage for certain low-income beneficiaries; Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.2004 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish insulin assistance programs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.2010 — *A bill to increase research, education, and treatment for cerebral cavernous malformations; Sponsor: Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

S.2020 — *A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the use of telehealth services for remote imaging for chronic eye disease; Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

S.2047 — *A bill to provide for a 2-week extension of the Medicaid community mental health services demonstration program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]; Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.*