



## Health Policy Briefing

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### Trump Unveils American Patients First Plan

President Trump delivered a highly anticipated address on his administration's plan to lower drug prices, increase competition, and reduce the amount that people pay in out-of-pocket costs for medication on Friday. **American Patients First** is a mix of policies already laid out in the White House budget proposal for fiscal year (FY) 2019 alongside some new ideas. It is designed to address four major aspects related to the cost of prescription drugs: high list prices, a lack of negotiating tools in government programs, rising out-of-pocket costs for consumers, and foreign governments freeriding off of American innovation. The blueprint includes both immediate actions and long-term strategies aimed at increasing competition, improving negotiation, incentivizing lower list prices, and reducing out-of-pocket costs. Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Alex Azar stated that he believes the vast majority of the plan can be accomplished through administrative action rather than legislative change.

The plan proposes a number of changes to reshape the Medicare program, including offering free generic drugs to seniors, requiring Part D plans to pass on a portion of rebates to the consumer, and capping certain out-of-pocket costs for Part D beneficiaries. The blueprint would reform how drugs in Medicare Part B are paid for and potentially shift more treatments into Part D, where there is more competition. The Administration is considering fiduciary status for pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) as well as reforms to the 340B drug discount program. The plan proposes to crack down on manufacturer gaming of regulatory processes and eliminate the use of gag clauses by insurers. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will also look into requiring the disclosure of prices in direct to consumer (DTC) advertising. Additionally, the President stated his intent to push other developed countries to loosen their price restrictions and pay more for pharmaceutical

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The blueprint was well received by congressional Republicans. Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) issued a statement calling on the Senate to “consider the President’s plan carefully and promptly.” Republican leadership of the Energy and Commerce Committee issued a similar statement.

### ***Democrats Release Their Own Drug Pricing Proposal***

Democrats from the Affordable Prescription Drug Task Force have called on President Trump to endorse their own proposal to combat rising prescription drug prices. “**A Better Deal**” was released the day before the President’s anticipated speech on the subject. The lawmakers outline the trend of rising prescription drug prices under the Trump administration, while reminding the President of his campaign rhetoric denouncing the pharmaceutical industry and urging him to support their Better Deal strategy. The lawmakers support allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices; requiring drug companies to be transparent about their costs of production; eliminating patent system abuse tactics that reduce competition; allowing the importation of prescriptions; and improving trade agreements to make drugs more affordable. The lawmakers also propose the creation of a “price gouging enforcer” that would fine drug companies if price increases surpass a certain threshold. The task force is led by Reps. Lloyd Doggett, Peter Welch, and Elijah Cummings (D-Md.). U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), U.S. Senate Democratic Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.), and Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) were also in attendance at the unveiling of A Better Deal.

### ***WH Proposes \$15 Billion in Claw Backs***

President Trump submitted a \$15.4 billion rescission request to Congress last week. It is the largest single rescission request from a White House, and the first such request in nearly two decades. The claw back plan would impact previously approved spending across more than 30 programs. All of the money has been appropriated at least one year ago, improving its chance of passage through both chambers of Congress. Roughly half of cuts would come from the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The plan would rescind \$5.1 billion from the CHIP Children’s Health Insurance Fund, which the White House says expired in September and cannot be legally used, despite the fact that it remains on the government’s balance sheet. The fund reimburses states for certain program expenses. The plan would also rescind \$1.9 billion from CHIP’s Child Enrollment Contingency Fund. This pool is used in cases when program enrollment is higher than expected. According to the White House, while the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) does not expect any state to need payment from the fund in fiscal year (FY) 2018, funding would still be available should a state qualify for it. An additional \$800 million in cuts would come from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). Other proposed rescissions include \$252 million in funding designated for the 2015 Ebola outbreak. Because many of the items included in the request are unneeded or inactive accounts, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) estimates that package would only reduce the deficit by approximately \$3 billion.

The proposal has been strongly criticized by Democrats, both for the type of programs it targets and for undermining the previously agreed upon work of Congress. The plan is expected to pass the House. It could pass the Senate if every Republican votes in support of passage, given Sen. John McCain’s expected absence from Washington. Lawmakers have 45 days from the receipt of the request to vote on the plan, or a scaled-back version of it, by a simple majority vote.

This package, introduced in Congress as **H.R. 3**, is expected to be the first of several claw back proposals submitted by the White House this year, though there is no targeted total dollar amount or timeline for future rescissions requests. Administration officials have stated that future proposals would include money appropriated in the most recent spending package passed in March of this year.

### ***CDC Assists in DRC Ebola Response***

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has declared an outbreak of Ebola virus, prompting the World Health Organization (WHO) to release \$1 million from its contingency fund to help stop the disease from spreading. Over the last five weeks, the country has seen 21 suspected Ebola cases, including 17 deaths. The outbreak is being monitored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which is one of several global health organizations working with DRC's Ministry of Health to help respond to the virus.

### ***E&C Advances 25 Opioid Bills***

The House Energy and Commerce Committee has advanced **25 bills to address the opioid epidemic** for consideration by the full House of Representatives. The bipartisan proposals will expand access to medication assisted treatment (MAT) and programs to prevent the spread of infectious disease through injection drug use, strengthen the behavioral health care workforce, and encourage the use of non-opioid pain therapy. The Committee also passed H.R. 5333, the Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act of 2018 by voice vote. Lawmakers had planned to markup legislation that would waive Medicare telehealth requirements in certain cases in order to treat opioid use disorder or co-occurring mental illness, but the bill (H.R. 5603) was pulled at the last minute. The Committee will hold a second markup on opioid legislation on Thursday, at which time the Committee is expected to consider more controversial measures and bills that are still in the process of being finalized. While Chairman Greg Walden (R-Ore.) hoped to see a House floor vote on a broad opioid package next week, Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy's (R-Calif.) office has stated that the package won't reach the floor before June. According to Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), the Senate will take up his Committee's opioid bill once the House completes its work.

### ***W&M to Mark Up Four Opioid Legislative Packages***

The House Ways and Means Committee has released its legislative proposals to combat the opioid crisis. The bills are aimed at reducing unnecessary prescribing, improving access to substance use disorder treatment, and expanding provider education on painkillers. The Committee plans to mark up the following four packages of legislation later this week, but has not yet noticed an Executive Session for consideration:

- H.R. 5773, "Preventing Addiction for Susceptible Seniors (PASS) Act" – Sponsored by Chairman Peter Roskam (R-Ill.), Rep. Terri Sewell (D-Ala.), Rep. Steve Knight (R-Calif.), and Rep. Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.)
- H.R. 5774, "Combatting Opioid Abuse for Care in Hospitals (COACH) Act" – Sponsored by Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-Fla.), Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-Wash.), Rep. Ted Budd (R-N.C.), and Rep. Ann McLane Kuster (D-N.H.)
- H.R. 5775, "Providing Reliable Options for Patients and Educational Resources (PROPER) Act" – Sponsored by Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-Minn.), Rep. Ron Kind (D-Wis.), Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-Maine), and Rep. Conor Lamb (D-Pa.)
- H.R. 5776, "Medicare and Opioid Safe Treatment (MOST) Act" – Sponsored by Ranking Member Richard Neal (D-Mass.), Rep. George Holding (R-N.C.), Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Va.), and Rep. Matt Cartwright (D-Pa.)

### ***First Lady Announces Official Platform***

First Lady Melania Trump revealed her formal platform last week. Her "Be Best" comprehensive program will focus on three main issues: well-being, combating the opioid epidemic, and positivity on social media. Her speech highlighted the importance of healthy living and emotional health. It also noted the importance of healthy pregnancy and bringing awareness to neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS).

### ***Take Back Day Collects 475 Tons of Medication***

This year's national Prescription Take Back Day resulted in the collection of nearly 475 tons of unwanted medications across 6,000 collection sites, the largest collection in the event's nine-year history. The event, which was started to encourage people not to simply throw away or flush unused prescriptions, is now a part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) response to the opioid epidemic.

### ***House VA Advances Choice Reform Bill***

The House Veterans' Affairs Committee advanced the VA Mission Act (H.R. 5674) by a 20-2 vote last week. The legislation would overhaul veteran access to private sector care outside the VA health system. It includes \$5.2 billion to fund the Veterans Choice Program until the new reforms can be implemented. The Choice Program is scheduled to run out of money by May 31. The bill would also entitle veterans to see a private doctor twice a year without a copay. Ranking Member Tim Walz (D-Minn.) and Rep. Mark Takano (D-Calif.) were the only two panel members to vote against the measure. They have expressed opposition to the movement of the Choice funding account from mandatory to discretionary spending.

The Committee also approved a measure that would increase VA research on medical marijuana. The bill, which was advanced unanimously, clarifies the agency's ability to research medical marijuana as a possible treatment for conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The VA is not currently permitted to prescribe medical marijuana and would be required to submit regular reports on the research to Congress.

In related news, Rep. Brian Mast (R-Fla.) has emerged as yet another candidate under consideration by President Trump for the nomination of Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Rep. Mast served in the U.S. Army for more than 12 years, earning medals including The Bronze Star Medal, The Army Commendation Medal for Valor, The Purple Heart Medal, and The Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He was the first member of Congress to open a district office in a VA facility. He lost both his legs after being wounded in Afghanistan in 2010.

### ***Bipartisan ACA Fix Efforts Abandoned***

Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) has stopped work on bipartisan efforts to fix the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) individual market. According to a [letter](#) to his supporters, the HELP Committee Chairman will now turn his focus to actions the Trump Administration can take to improve Obamacare. Sen. Alexander had spent months negotiating with Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-Wash.) on a package to bring down premiums in the individual health insurance market through the funding of cost-sharing reduction (CSR) payments, increasing flexibility for section 1332 state innovation waivers, and providing grants for the creation of reinsurance programs. The bipartisan talks stalled due to a dispute regarding abortion restrictions in funding for health insurers. "Now efforts to help Americans paying skyrocketing premiums will turn to the Trump Administration and the states," Alexander writes, "And our committee's efforts will turn to other pressing health care issues including opioids, overall health care costs, electronic health care records, prescription drugs prices and 340B."

## Upcoming Congressional Meetings and Markups

*Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee hearing “Examining Oversight Reports on the 340B Drug Pricing Program;” 10:00 a.m., 430 Dirksen Bldg.; May 15*

*House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs Member Day Testimony and Proposals on the Department of Veterans Affairs; 10:00 a.m., 334 Cannon Bldg.; May 16*

*Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security hearing to examine the role of the Department of Homeland Security in stopping the flow of opioids, methamphetamines, and other dangerous drugs; 2:30 p.m., 192 Dirksen Bldg.; May 16*

*House Appropriations FY 2019 Energy and Water and Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; 10:00 a.m., 2359 Rayburn Bldg.; May 16*

*Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the National Institutes of Health; 10:00 a.m., 124 Dirksen Bldg.; May 17*

*House Veterans’ Affairs Health Subcommittee and Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee joint hearing “VA Research: Focusing on Funding, Findings, and Partnerships;” 10:00 a.m., 334 Cannon Bldg.; May 17*

*House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform “A Sustainable Solution to the Evolving Opioid Crisis: Revitalizing the Office of National Drug Control Policy;” 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn Bldg.; May 17*

*House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations “Global Health Supply Chain Management: Lessons Learned and Ways Forward;” 1:00 p.m., 2172 Rayburn Bldg.; May 17*

*Energy and Commerce Committee markup of legislation to combat the opioid crisis; time and place TBD; May 17*

*Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee hearing “The Health Care Workforce: Addressing Shortages and Improving Care;” 10:00 a.m., 430 Dirksen Bldg.; May 22*

## Recently Introduced Health Legislation

*H.R.5674 — To establish a permanent community care program for veterans, to establish a commission for the purpose of making recommendations regarding the modernization or realignment of facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, to improve construction of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the home loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]; Committees: House - Veterans’ Affairs, Rules*

*H.R.5675 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prescription drug plan sponsors under the Medicare program to establish drug management programs for at-risk beneficiaries; Sponsor: Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means*

*H.R.5676 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the suspension of payments by Medicare prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans pending investigations of credible allegations of fraud by pharmacies; Sponsor: Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means*

*H.R.5678 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of rural emergency medical center services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.5683 — To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report biennially on actions taken to address areas of concern that led to the inclusion of veterans health care in the High Risk List of the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs*

*H.R.5684 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand eligibility for medication therapy management programs established under part D of the Medicare program to include certain individuals who are at risk for prescription drug abuse; Sponsor: Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means*

*H.R.5685 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide educational resources regarding opioid use and pain management as part of the Medicare & You handbook; Sponsor: Rep. Faso, John J. [R-NY-19]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.5686 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prescription drug plans under Medicare part D to include information on the adverse effects of opioid overutilization and of coverage of nonpharmacological therapies and nonopioid medications or devices used to treat pain; Sponsor: Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means*

*H.R.5687 — To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require improved packaging and disposal methods with respect to certain drugs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.5693 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the placement of veterans in non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently; Sponsor: Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs*

*H.R.5695 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to annually notify health care providers regarding permitted disclosures under Federal health care privacy law during emergencies, including overdoses, of certain health information to families, caregivers, and health care providers; Sponsor: Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*S.2791 — A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for institutions of higher education to prevent substance abuse, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.2796 — A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use the authority of the Secretary to conduct and support research on the efficacy and safety of medicinal cannabis, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs*

*H.R.5699 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop guidance on pain management and the prevention of opioid use disorder for hospitals receiving payment under part A of the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]; Committees: House - Ways and Means*

*H.R.5702 — To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a strategy implementing recommendations relating to the Protecting Our Infants Act of 2015, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.5711 — To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to allow National Health Service Corps members to provide obligated service as behavioral and mental health professionals at schools, other community-based setting, or patient homes, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Sanchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.5712 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to compel manufacturers to correct inaccurate classification data reported to the Medicaid rebate program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*S.2802 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the opportunity for responsible health savings to all American families; Sponsor: Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*H.Res.883 — Expressing support for the designation of May 2018 as “Mental Health Month”; Sponsor: Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.5714 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require Medicare Advantage plans offered under part C of the Medicare program and prescription drug plans offered under part D of such program to provide information relating to the safe disposal of prescription drugs that are controlled substances to certain individuals enrolled under such plans; Sponsor: Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means*

*H.R.5715 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for certain program integrity transparency measures under Medicare parts C and D; Sponsor: Rep. Renacci, James B. [R-OH-16]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.5716 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide notifications under the Medicare program to outlier prescribers of opioids; Sponsor: Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means*

*H.R.5718 — To provide for a technical expert panel to provide recommendations on reducing opioid use in the surgical setting and on best practices for pain management, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means*

*H.R.5719 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise certain measures used under the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems survey relating to pain management; Sponsor: Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]; Committees: House - Ways and Means*

*H.R.5722 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report containing recommendation on how to improve the use of non-opioid treatments for acute and chronic pain management for individuals entitled to benefits under part A or enrolled under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.5723 — To require the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to report on opioid payment, adverse incentives, and data under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.5725 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit to Congress a report on the extent to which Medicare Advantage plans offered under part C of the Medicare program include supplemental health care benefits designed to treat or prevent substance use disorders; Sponsor: Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.5734 — To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for interest-free deferment on student loans for borrowers serving in a medical or dental internship or residency program; Sponsor: Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]; Committees: House - Education and the Workforce*

*H.R.5735 — To amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to establish a demonstration program to set aside section 8 housing vouchers for supportive and transitional housing for individuals recovering from opioid use disorders or other substance use disorders, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]; Committees: House - Financial Services*

*H.R.5736 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a pilot program to help individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder transition from treatment to independent living and the workforce, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]; Committees: House - Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services*

*H.R.5739 — To establish within the Department of Health and Human Services the Prescription Drug and Medical Device Price Review Board to regulate the prices of certain prescription drugs and medical devices, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Judiciary*

*H.Res.887 — Supporting the designation of May as “National Lyme Disease Awareness Month”; Sponsor: Rep. Faso, John J. [R-NY-19]; Committees: House - Oversight and Government Reform*

*H.R.5752 — To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of certain drugs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.5757 — To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to expand the permissive exclusion from Federal health programs to include certain individuals with prior interest in sanctioned entities and entities affiliated with sanctioned entities, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means*

*H.R.5761 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit to the Congress on a biennial basis a national plan to reduce the rate of maternal mortality; Sponsor: Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.5762 — To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize a Joint Task Force to enhance integration of the Department of Homeland Security’s border security operations to detect, interdict, disrupt, and prevent narcotics, such as fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, from entering the United States, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]; Committees: House - Homeland Security*

*H.R.5768 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes outpatient self-management training services, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means*

*H.R.5769 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access under the Medicare program to addiction treatment in Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics; Sponsor: Rep. Rothfus, Keith J. [R-PA-12]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means*

*H.R.5770 — To direct the Attorney General to amend certain regulations so that practitioners may administer not more than 3 days’ medication to a person at one time when administering narcotic drugs for the purpose of relieving acute withdrawal symptoms; Sponsor: Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Judiciary*

*S.2819 — A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report on opioid prescribing rates of physicians of the Veterans Health Administration and to conduct pain management training for those physicians with the highest rates of opioid prescribing; Sponsor: Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]; Committees: Senate - Veterans’ Affairs*

*S.2828 — A bill to develop and identify indicators of potentially fraudulent and disreputable recovery housing operators, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.2830 — A bill to reauthorize the rural emergency medical services training and equipment assistance program under section 330J of the Public Health Service Act; Sponsor: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*