



## Health Policy Briefing

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### House Passes GOP Debt Ceiling Bill Along Party Lines

The House of Representatives passed the GOP leadership’s legislative proposal to raise the debt ceiling last week in a 217-215 vote. Four Republicans - Matt Gaetz (Fla.), Andy Biggs (Ariz.), Ken Buck (Colo.), and Tim Burchett (Tenn.) – joined Democrats in opposition to the measure. The **Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023** ([H.R. 2811](#)) would lift the nation’s \$34.1 trillion debt limit by \$1.5 trillion or until March 31, 2024, whichever comes first, in exchange for \$130 billion in proposed budget cuts. The bill would achieve these cuts by freezing discretionary spending at fiscal year (FY) 2022 levels - \$1.47 trillion. Any future spending increases would be capped at 1% annually for the next decade, reaching \$1.61 trillion in total discretionary spending in FY 2033. The bill would permit new budget authority only for certain activities, including health care fraud and abuse prevention. The legislation also includes provisions to claw back unspent and unobligated COVID-19 funding and to institute work requirements for social safety net programs. Medicaid recipients would be required to work, look for work, or participate in community engagement for 80 hours a month, exempting those with dependent children and those who are “physically or mentally unfit,” enrolled in an educational program, under 19 years old, or over 56 years old. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the bill would reduce the federal deficit by \$4.8 trillion over the next decade. The Medicaid work requirement proposal would reduce federal spending by \$109 billion, with the budget office forecasting that 1.5 million adults would lose federal funding for their Medicaid coverage. Approximately 900,000 of those individuals would retain their health insurance coverage through Medicaid state funding, while 600,000 would become uninsured. H.R. 2811 has been rejected by congressional Democrats and the White House in favor of a clean increase to the debt limit, with Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) characterizing the bill as dead on arrival in the Senate and the White House confirming that the President would veto the legislation should it reach his desk. Without an increase or suspension of the debt ceiling, the nation could default on its payment obligations as early as June.

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## HELP to Markup Four Drug Pricing Bills This Week

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee Chairman Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Ranking Member Bill Cassidy (R-La.) have announced a bipartisan deal to consider a slate of drug pricing related proposals. The four bills will be marked up by the panel on Tuesday. The committee will consider:

- The **RARE Act** ([S. 1214](#)), to codify that the scope of orphan drug exclusivity aligns with the approved use or indication of an orphan drug, rather than the disease or condition for which the drug received orphan drug designation.
- The **Ensuring Timely Access to Generics Act of 2023** ([S. 1067](#)), which would permit the FDA to deny a citizen petition submitted with the primary purpose of delaying the approval of a follow-on generic or biosimilar application, or if the petition does not raise valid scientific or regulatory issues.
- The **Expanding Access to Low-Cost Generics Act of 2023** ([S. 1114](#)), to allow generic companies that are not “first filers” to enter the market if the first filer who otherwise received 180-day exclusivity has failed to come to market by 33 months since the date of submission of the application when there is another applicant who is otherwise ready to market their product.
- The **Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform Act** ([S. 1339](#)), which would increase oversight of entities that provide pharmacy benefit management services on behalf of group health plans and health insurance coverage.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) aims to bring a drug pricing package to the floor this year. The Senate Commerce, Judiciary, and Finance committees are also working to pass their own drug pricing proposals, and Sanders has stated that he expects to see several of the related bills merged when they reach the Senate floor.

## House Appropriations Markups to Commence May 17th

The House Appropriations Committee will begin conducting markups of FY 2024 spending bills later this month. According to a letter from Chairwoman Kay Granger (R-Texas) to panel members, the first subcommittee markups will be scheduled for May 17th and 18th, with the first full committee markups tentatively planned for May 23rd, 24th, and 25th. The remaining subcommittee markups will be held June 7th and 8th, with the full committee completing consideration of the measures June 13th, 14th, and 15th.

## Senate Republicans Block VA Cannabis Research Proposal

The Senate blocked consideration of legislation last week that would have directed the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct research on the effects of cannabis on patients in the VA health care system suffering from trauma, stress, chronic pain, and opioid use disorder. The **VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act** ([S. 326](#)), introduced by Sens. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), was unanimously passed out of committee earlier this year but failed in a 57-42 procedural motion that required 60 votes to advance on the Senate floor. Eight Republicans joined Democrats in support of the bill: Veterans’ Affairs Committee members Jerry Moran (Kansas), Bill Cassidy (La.), Mike Rounds (S.D.), and Dan Sullivan (Alaska), along with Susan Collins (Maine), Lisa Murkowski (Alaska), Josh Hawley (Mo.), and Eric Schmitt (Mo.).

## Warren, Jayapal Make Drug Pricing Recommendations for USPTO

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.) have sent a [letter](#) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) reiterating their request that the agency take action against alleged efforts by pharmaceutical manufacturers to prevent generic competition from coming to market. “We have yet to see the USPTO take substantial steps to exercise its existing administrative authorities to help lower drug prices, encourage competition, and increase innovation,” the letter states. The lawmakers sent similar letters to the agency in June 2021 and December 2022. Warren and Jayapal specifically urge the USPTO to consider the following recommendations:

- Revise the practice of granting obvious patents;
- When challenged, patents tied together by terminal disclaimers should all stand or fall together;
- Raise filing fees and limit the number and time period for continuation applications to discourage “obviousness-type double patents;”
- Require applicants to disclose at the time of filing whether the drug compound covered by the patent application is in clinical trials;
- Reverse policies that have led to an increase in discretionary denials of petitions filed through the inter partes review process; and
- Establish an office dedicated to building public transparency, serving the public interest, and strengthening interagency communication.

## Coronavirus Select Subcommittee Requests Intel from Chinese Scientists

Republicans on the House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic have [asked](#) the Chinese embassy to permit five Chinese scientists to be interviewed about how the coronavirus pandemic started. The request comes in response to the Chinese embassy’s opposition to a recent subcommittee hearing regarding the origins of COVID-19. “Continued stonewalling by China will not only harm the globe’s ability to predict, prepare, protect, and prevent the next pandemic but will also...fail to promote ‘international solidarity,’” the letter states. The committee asks to hear from Dr. George Gao, former director of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention; Dr. Shi Zhengli, director of the Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases, the Wuhan Institute of Virology; Dr. Ben Hu, a researcher with the Wuhan Institute of Virology; and Dr. Chen Wei, Major General of the People’s Liberation Army.

## E&C Republicans Launch Probe into NIH Communications Spending

House Energy and Commerce Committee Republicans have [launched](#) an investigation into spending by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) on public information and communication services. The NIH has spent nearly \$1 billion over the last five years on public relations contracts. The committee sent letters to the 10 communications and consulting firms awarded a contract in 2018 that is due to expire in December to request more information about their work for NIH. “Government contracts for public relations, consulting, and media services can devolve into a kind of de facto public relations service for the personal aggrandizement of senior leadership. They can be used to promote an agency’s brand and image instead of being used to communicate accurate information to the public,” the letter states. The panel aims to determine how the agency uses contract public relations firms and whether they are an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

## Physicians Consider Impact of Potential Mifepristone Restrictions on Off-Label Prescribing

Physicians across the country are working to determine the impact of recent legal rulings related to the accessibility of mifepristone on their prescribing practices. Earlier this month, the Supreme Court acted to prevent lower court rulings suspending access to mifepristone from taking effect. Mifepristone is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for abortion, though it is frequently prescribed off-label for miscarriage management. The U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments on May 17 from anti-abortion groups in support of overturning the FDA's approval of mifepristone and counterarguments from the Biden administration and the pill's manufacturer seeking to maintain access to the pill nationwide. The 5th Circuit's prior ruling would have kept the drug on the market but restricted access to telemedicine prescriptions, mail delivery, pharmacy dispensing, and generic versions of the drug and only permitted prescriptions within seven weeks of gestation. Meanwhile, a separate federal court ruling from Washington state could shield some states and the District of Columbia from any attempts to restrict mifepristone availability. While some legal experts assert that any future restrictions on the medication abortion pill could be circumvented by prescribing the drug off-label, many prescribers are concerned about the possibility of prosecution, harassment, and retaliation from state licensing boards and civil litigation. "We don't feel at all comfortable," American Medical Association President Jack Resneck stated in an interview. "Off-label prescribing is common, but it is really unclear in this case what physicians would be able to do."

## Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Markups

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee markup of S. 1067, *Ensuring Timely Access to Generics Act of 2023*, S. 1114, *Expanding Access to Low-Cost Generics Act of 2023*, S. 1214, *RARE Act*, and S. 1339, *Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform Act*; 10:00 a.m.; May 2

Senate Finance Committee hearing "Barriers to Mental Health Care: Improving Provider Directory Accuracy to Reduce the Prevalence of Ghost Networks;" 10:00 a.m.; May 3

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee hearing "Examining the Effectiveness of the Office of Integrated Veteran Care;" 3:00 p.m.; May 3

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies hearing "Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the National Institutes of Health;" 10:00 a.m.; May 4

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee hearing "Preparing for the Next Public Health Emergency: Reauthorizing the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act;" 1:00 p.m.; May 4

House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Technology Modernization hearing "Electronic Health Record Modernization Deep Dive: Pharmacy;" 3:00 p.m.; May 9

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee hearing "The Need to Make Insulin Affordable for All Americans;" 1:00 p.m.; May 10

H.R.2804 — To amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the registration of opioid treatment programs to increase stakeholder input from relevant communities and to ensure such programs are treating patients in need, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Espaillat, Adriano [Rep.-D-NY-13]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Judiciary

H.R.2809 — To authorize an electronic health record modernization program of the Department of Veterans Affairs and increase oversight and accountability of the program to better serve veterans, medical professionals of the Department, and taxpayers, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Takano, Mark [Rep.-D-CA-39]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs; Armed Services

S.Res.170 — A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day; Sponsor: Wicker, Roger F. [Sen.-R-MS]; Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

S.1262 — A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require Federal employee health benefit plans to include assisted reproductive treatment benefits, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Duckworth, Tammy [Sen.-D-IL]; Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

S.1264 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen the drug pricing reforms in the Inflation Reduction Act; Sponsor: Klobuchar, Amy [Sen.-D-MN]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.1269 — A bill to reduce the price of insulin and provide for patient protections with respect to the cost of insulin; Sponsor: Shaheen, Jeanne [Sen.-D-NH]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

H.R.2813 — To amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Good, Bob [Rep.-R-VA-5]; Committees: House - Education and the Workforce; Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.2816 — To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to strengthen transparency requirements with respect to pharmacy benefit managers; Sponsor: Harshbarger, Diana [Rep.-R-TN-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.2818 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans for improvements and structural alterations furnished as part of home health services; Sponsor: Bacon, Don [Rep.-R-NE-2]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs

H.R.2819 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to limit the liability of health care professionals who volunteer to provide health care services in response to a disaster; Sponsor: Bucshon, Larry [Rep.-R-IN-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Judiciary

H.R.2828 — To require Federal employee health benefit plans to include assisted reproductive treatment benefits, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Connolly, Gerald E. [Rep.-D-VA-11]; Committees: House - Oversight and Accountability

H.R.2829 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove cost-sharing responsibilities for chronic care management services under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Duncan, Jeff [Rep.-R-SC-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.2852 — To require the Secretary of Defense to provide to firefighters of the Department of Defense medical testing and related services to detect and prevent certain cancers; Sponsor: Slotkin, Elissa [Rep.-D-MI-7]; Committees: House - Armed Services

- H.R.2853 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to clinical care in the home, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Smith, Adrian [Rep.-R-NE-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means
- H.R.2854 — To require the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit a report on progress relating to malaria reduction, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Smith, Christopher H. [Rep.-R-NJ-4]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs
- H.R.2857 — To direct the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation of the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct an annual study on health care competition and consolidation at the State level; Sponsor: Spartz, Victoria [Rep.-R-IN-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
- H.R.2858 — To amend the Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004 to repeal the antitrust exemption applicable to graduate medical resident matching programs; Sponsor: Spartz, Victoria [Rep.-R-IN-5]; Committees: House – Judiciary
- H.R.2859 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish new community benefit standards for tax-exempt hospital organizations, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Spartz, Victoria [Rep.-R-IN-5]; Committees: House - Ways and Means
- H.R.2860 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Obamacare ban on provider-owned hospitals, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Spartz, Victoria [Rep.-R-IN-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means
- H.R.2861 — To require the Government Accountability Office to evaluate the effects of anticompetitive contracting clauses in contracts between health insurers and health care providers and to determine actions taken by the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice relating to the use of such clauses in such contracts and to assess their ability to effectively enforce the Federal antitrust laws with respect to such use; Sponsor: Spartz, Victoria [Rep.-R-IN-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Judiciary
- H.R.2862 — To eliminate the inpatient-only service list; Sponsor: Spartz, Victoria [Rep.-R-IN-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means
- H.R.2863 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to address incorrect billing by off-campus hospital locations, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Spartz, Victoria [Rep.-R-IN-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means
- H.R.2867 — To establish an awareness campaign related to the lethality of fentanyl and fentanyl-contaminated drugs, to establish a Federal Interagency Work Group on Fentanyl Contamination of Drugs, and to provide community-based coalition enhancement grants to mitigate the effects of drug use; Sponsor: Trone, David J. [Rep.-D-MD-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
- H.R.2868 — To amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the treatment of certain association health plans as employers, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Walberg, Tim [Rep.-R-MI-5]; Committees: House - Education and the Workforce
- S.1294 — A bill to provide for payment rates for durable medical equipment under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Thune, John [Sen.-R-SD]; Committees: Senate – Finance
- S.1296 — A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve access to care for all Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries through models tested under the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Booker, Cory A. [Sen.-D-NJ]; Committees: Senate – Finance



S.1297 — A bill to ensure the right to provide reproductive health care services, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Murray, Patty [Sen.-D-WA]; Committees: Senate – Judiciary

S.1298 — A bill to award grants for the creation, recruitment, training and education, retention, and advancement of the direct care workforce and to award grants to support family caregivers; Sponsor: Kaine, Tim [Sen.-D-VA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1302 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Menendez, Robert [Sen.-D-NJ]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.1315 — A bill to improve the provision of care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Moran, Jerry [Sen.-R-KS]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs

S.1317 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for public health research and investment into understanding and eliminating structural racism and police violence; Sponsor: Warren, Elizabeth [Sen.-D-MA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

H.R.2880 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish certain requirements for pharmacy benefit managers under part D of the Medicare program; Sponsor: Carter, Earl L. “Buddy” [Rep.-R-GA-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.2884 — To facilitate direct primary care arrangements under Medicaid; Sponsor: Crenshaw, Dan [Rep.-R-TX-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.2890 — To amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to make hospital organizations and cooperative hospital service organizations subject to the law relating to unfair methods of competition; Sponsor: Jayapal, Pramila [Rep.-D-WA-7]; Committees: House – Judiciary

H.R.2893 — 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, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Lee, Susie [Rep.-D-NV-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.2904 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for public health research and investment into understanding and eliminating structural racism and police violence; Sponsor: Pressley, Ayanna [Rep.-D-MA-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.2907 — To ensure the right to provide reproductive health care services, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Schrier, Kim [Rep.-D-WA-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Judiciary

H.R.2914 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the health coverage tax credit; Sponsor: Turner, Michael R. [Rep.-R-OH-10]; Committees: House - Ways and Means

S.Res.180 — A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 30, 2023, as “National Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Awareness Day”; Sponsor: Hirono, Mazie K. [Sen.-D-HI]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.Res.184 — A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 2023 as “Parkinson’s Awareness Month”; Sponsor: Stabenow, Debbie [Sen.-D-MI]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1333 — A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants for providing evidence-based caregiver skills training to family caregivers of children with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities or delays, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Menendez, Robert [Sen.-D-NJ]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1339 – A bill to provide for increased oversight of entities that provide pharmacy benefit management services on behalf of group health plans and health insurance coverage; Sponsor: Sanders, Bernard [Sen.-I-VT]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1346 — A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Center for Mental Health Services of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to award grants to implement innovative approaches to securing prompt access to appropriate follow-on care for individuals who experience an acute mental health episode and present for care in an emergency department, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Capito, Shelley Moore [Sen.-R-WV]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1347 — A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to waive cost-sharing under the TRICARE program for three mental health outpatient visits per year for certain beneficiaries, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Ossoff, Jon [Sen.-D-GA]; Committees: Senate - Armed Services

S.1355 — A bill to establish a program to develop antimicrobial innovations targeting the most challenging pathogens and most threatening infections, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Bennet, Michael F. [Sen.-D-CO]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1360 — A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to include exposure to perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances in periodic health assessments of members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Shaheen, Jeanne [Sen.-D-NH]; Committees: Senate - Armed Services

S.1367 — A bill to amend XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Stabenow, Debbie [Sen.-D-MI]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.1373 — A bill to increase access to medication for opioid overdose reversal, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Markey, Edward J. [Sen.-D-MA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1374 — A bill to prohibit group health plans and health insurance issuers from entering into contracts that would prevent or restrict patient access to drug pricing information otherwise available through consumer decision-support tools; Sponsor: Marshall, Roger [Sen.-R-KS]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1375 — A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to apply additional payments, discounts, and other financial assistance towards the cost-sharing requirements of health insurance plans, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Marshall, Roger [Sen.-R-KS]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1378 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide incentives for behavioral health integration under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Cortez Masto, Catherine [Sen.-D-NV]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.1384 — A bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors; Sponsor: Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [Sen.-D-NY]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions



H.Res.333 — Expressing support for designation of April as “National Donate Life Month” and expressing gratitude to all Americans who have registered to be organ and tissue donors; Sponsor: Costa, Jim [Rep.-D-CA-21]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.2923 — To promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors; Sponsor: Nadler, Jerrold [Rep.-D-NY-12]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Oversight and Accountability; House Administration; Education and the Workforce; Financial Services

H.R.2935 — To amend title 10, United States Code, to extend the period during which certain survivors of a member of the Selected Reserve are eligible for health benefits under TRICARE Reserve Select; Sponsor: Courtney, Joe [Rep.-D-CT-2]; Committees: House - Armed Services

H.R.2940 — To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to develop antimicrobial innovations targeting the most challenging pathogens and most threatening infections, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [Rep.-R-GA-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Oversight and Accountability; Ways and Means; Budget

H.R.2959 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve access to health care through expanded health savings accounts, and for other purposes; Sponsor: LaTurner, Jake [Rep.-R-KS-2]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Judiciary; Energy and Commerce

H.R.2965 — To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants for providing evidence-based caregiver skills training to family caregivers of children with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities or delays, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Meng, Grace [Rep.-D-NY-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.2977 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants for the purpose of establishing, operating, or expanding one-stop crisis facilities, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Smith, Adam [Rep.-D-WA-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Financial Services; Judiciary

H.R.2986 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction for certain charity care furnished by physicians, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Webster, Daniel [Rep.-R-FL-11]; Committees: House - Ways and Means