



## Health Policy Briefing

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### Senate Passes *Endless Frontier Act*

The Senate passed the ***United States Innovation and Competition Act*** (S. 1260) last week by a vote of 68-32. The bill aims to maintain the nation's global leadership in relation to U.S. competition with China by investing in science and technology. It is comprised of the ***Endless Frontier Act*** introduced by Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Sen. Todd Young (R-Ind.) packaged with other China-specific legislation. The bill would provide \$120 million for programs spanning the National Science Foundation, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Energy, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). It would also create a directorate of technology and innovation at the National Science Foundation. The House of Representatives' Science Space and Technology Committee is scheduled to mark up the National Science Foundation Reauthorization bill on Tuesday and will include the House ***Endless Frontier Act*** (H.R. 2731) as an amendment. Action by the House Science Space and Technology Committee does not necessarily preclude action by other House committees of jurisdiction from taking action in this area and there is the possibility of tying the legislation into an eventual infrastructure package.

### *AAMC Releases Latest Report on Physician Shortages*

The Association of American Medical Colleges has released its annual [report](#) containing physician workforce shortage projections. The 2021 update of ***The Complexities of Physician Supply and Demand: Projections from 2019 to 2034*** projects a shortfall of 37,800 to 124,000 physicians by 2034. That shortage includes shortfalls of 17,800 to 48,000 primary care physicians and 21,000 to 77,100 specialists. The report's data was gathered before the COVID-19 pandemic, which AAMC states only exacerbated the challenges to the nation's health care system.

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## ***Surprise Billing Regulation Sent to OMB for Review***

The first rule implementing the **No Surprises Act**, which prohibits the practice of surprise medical billing, is under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and due to be released on or before July 1. The regulation is expected to outline the methodology for determining the qualified payment amount (QPA) used to settle payment disputes between insurers and health care providers. It is also expected to contain guidance on informed consent. OMB is required to review the interim final rule -- "Requirements Related to Surprise Billing; Part 1" -- before it can be issued; the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) sent the rule to OMB on June 8. Additional rules and regulations will be necessary to establish the law's independent dispute resolution (IDR) process. The **No Surprises Act** takes effect on January 1, 2022.

In light of an ongoing dispute over how HHS should interpret the law, a coalition of 49 organizations sent a [letter](#) to the administration last week urging HHS to "make the qualifying payment amount, on which patient cost-sharing is based, the primary factor in resolving payment disputes." A bipartisan group of lawmakers including Sens. Bill Cassidy (R-La.) and Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) and Reps. Larry Bucshon (R-Ind.) and Raul Ruiz (D-Calif.) recently advised HHS that Congress intended all six factors listed in the law – including provider level of training, teaching status, and prior contracted rates – be given equal weight when determining the payment amount for out-of-network bills. In their letter, the stakeholder coalition also urges HHS to ensure that there are no loopholes created by the implementation of the law's consent requirements. A separate group of 22 patient organizations also sent a [letter](#) last week calling on the administration to ensure the arbitration process does not lead to higher patients costs. They also suggest a comprehensive, well-funded campaign to ensure consumers are aware of their rights under the surprise billing law.

## ***HHS Revises PRF Requirements***

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has issued a revised notice of reporting requirement and reporting timeline for recipients of Provider Relief Fund (PRF) payments. The notice changes the deadline for expending PRF payments to be dependent on the date of when the payment was received. It also expands the amount of time providers have to report information from 30 days to 90 days. The PRF Reporting Portal will open for providers to start submitting information on July 1, 2021. Revised reporting requirements will be applicable to providers who received one or more payments exceeding, in the aggregate, \$10,000 during a single Payment Received Period from the PRF General Distributions, Targeted Distributions, and/or Skilled Nursing Facility and Nursing Home Infection Control Distributions.

## ***Klobuchar, Grassley Push Implementation of Rural Emergency Hospital Designation***

Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) are [urging](#) the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to prioritize implementation of the new Rural Emergency Hospital designation to prevent more hospital closures. This provision, which was sponsored by Sen. Grassley and included in the coronavirus stimulus package passed late last year, would provide increased funding to small rural hospitals that decide to close their in-patient operations and revamp as standalone emergency rooms that offer some outpatient services. Hospitals in rural areas with fewer than 50 beds can apply for the designation, which goes into effect in 2023. "If nothing is done, more hospitals and rural Americans will continue losing access to essential medical services resulting in poorer outcomes and higher costs for patients and taxpayers," their letter states.

## ***House of Representatives Changes Rules on Masks***

New guidance from the House Attending Physician will permit fully vaccinated House lawmakers, staff, and visitors to move about the Capitol, including committee rooms and the floor, without masks or face coverings. Masks are still required for those who are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated. The Capitol Hill complex currently has a vaccination rate of 85%.

### ***States Move to Make COVID Scope of Practice Changes Permanent***

States across the nation are considering permanent, legislative changes to their scope of practice laws that were loosened during the COVID-19 pandemic to allow nurse practitioners and physician assistants to operate independently. Over the last year, 21 states expanded scope of practice for these providers. Four states – Arkansas, Utah, Virginia, and West Virginia – have enacted eight laws making such expansions permanent. The Michigan House also passed legislation that would allow nurse anesthetists to practice without physician supervision; the bill is awaiting action in the state Senate.

### ***Warren Requests Details about Potential Future Vaccine Price Hikes***

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) has sent a [letter](#) to Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla questioning the company about possible future price increases for its COVID-19 vaccine. Warren cites comments made by the company's CFO during an earnings call in February during which investors were told that Pfizer was "obviously...going to get more on price" for its COVID-19 vaccine. She requests information on how Pfizer will determine its pricing for the vaccine moving forward. The letter was also signed by Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and Reps. Katie Porter (D-Calif.) and Mark Pocan (D-Wis.).

### ***CMS Increases Payment for At-Home COVID Vaccination***

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that Medicare will pay an additional \$35 per dose for COVID-19 vaccine administration in a beneficiary's home. The move aims to increase access to vaccinations for those who have difficulty leaving their homes or accessing vaccines in a community setting – a population CMS estimates at approximately 1.6 million adults age 65 or older. The additional payment increases the cost per vaccine dose from \$40 to \$75 to account for the unique challenges of vaccinating hard-to-reach individuals, the clinical time needed to monitor the patient after the vaccine is administered, and the upfront costs of administering the vaccine in a beneficiary's home. The in-home payment amount will be geographically adjusted based on where the service is furnished.

In related news, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra has sent a [letter](#) to insurers and providers following reports of Americans facing costs associated with COVID-19 vaccines and testing. The Secretary underscores that these services must be free for patients, reminding "health care providers of their signed agreements to cover the administration of COVID-19 vaccines free-of-charge to patients, and group health plans and health insurers of their legal requirement to provide coverage of COVID-19 vaccinations and diagnostic testing without patients shouldering any cost." COVID-19 vaccines and their administration are free to anyone living in the U.S., per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement. Group health plans and health insurers are also required to cover COVID-19 diagnostic testing without cost-sharing. Secretary Becerra notes that failure to comply with these legal requirements should be reported to CMS or the Department of Labor.

### ***OSHA Releases Emergency Temporary Standard for Health Care Employers***

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has 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, which remains unknown. 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](#). OSHA also issued voluntary guidelines providing information to employers outside of the health care space about how they can protect their unvaccinated employees and mitigate and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.

### ***FDA Rules on Emergent J&J Vaccine Doses***

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has instructed Johnson & Johnson to discard 60 million doses of its COVID-19 vaccine made in Emergent BioSolutions' Baltimore plant that are "not suitable for use," while releasing two other batches of the vaccine totaling around 10 million doses. The agency had previously ordered Emergent to stop producing coronavirus vaccines after the company contaminated 15 million doses of J&J's vaccine with the active ingredient from AstraZeneca's vaccine. The FDA has not yet cleared the Emergent plant to resume making the vaccines.

### ***Hart Health Strategies COVID-19 Resources***

Hart Health Strategies Inc. continues to update the following resources related to the coronavirus pandemic. Please remember to clear your cache to ensure you download the most recent documents.

- [Disaster Primer](#)
- [Federal Relief Overview](#)
- [Hospice and Palliative Care](#)
- [Nursing Resources](#)
- [Personal Protective Equipment](#)
- [Physician Provisions](#)
- [Re-Opening America](#)
- [Small Business Resources](#)
- [Small Business - Paycheck Protection Program](#)
- [State Resources](#)
- [Tax Provisions](#)
- [Telehealth Overview](#)
- [Testing](#)
- [Vaccines](#)

### ***Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Markups***

***Senate Committee on Finance hearing "Mental Health Care in America: Addressing Root Causes and Identifying Policy Solutions;" 10:00 a.m.; June 15***

***Senate Judiciary Committee hearing "H.R. 6, American Dream and Promise Act of 2021;" 10:00 a.m.; June 15***

***House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health legislative hearing "Booster Shot: Enhancing Public Health through Vaccine Legislation;" 10:30 a.m.; June 15***

***House Homeland Security Committee hearing "Cyber Threats in the Pipeline: Lessons from the Federal Response to the Colonial Pipeline Ransomware Attack;" 2:30 p.m.; June 15***

***House Committee on Education and Labor hearing "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services;" witness: Secretary Becerra; 9:00 a.m.; June 16***

***Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs business meeting to consider the nominations of Jen Easterly to be Director of Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and Chris Inglis to be National Cyber Director; 9:30 a.m.; June 16***

***Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions business meeting to consider the nominations of Dawn Myers O'Connell, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; 12:00 p.m.; June 16***

*Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on The Constitution hearing “Women’s Health Protection Act;” 2:30 p.m.; June 16*

*House Homeland Security Committee hearing “A Review of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security;” 8:30 a.m.; June 17*

*Senate Aging Committee hearing “21st Century Caregiving: Supporting Workers, Family Caregivers, Seniors and People with Disabilities;” 9:30 a.m.; June 17*

*Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Emerging Threats & Spending Oversight hearing “Addressing Emerging Cybersecurity Threats to State and Local Government;” 10:15 a.m.; June 17*

## Recently Introduced Health Legislation

*H.R.3740 — To provide for the mandatory licensing and registration of handguns, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12] Committees: House - Judiciary*

*H.R.3733 — To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled, and inpatient rehabilitation facilities to permit essential caregivers access during any public health emergency under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Sponsor: Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.R.3714 — To require recipients of coronavirus relief funding to publicly disclose how such funds were spent, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]; Committees: House - Oversight and Reform*

*H.R.3712 — To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program to determine the effectiveness of using working dogs to detect the early stages of diseases, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]; Committees: House - Armed Services*

*H.R.3705 — To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to include a safe harbor for communication of information with respect to a vaccine authorized for emergency use under such Act that is provided or distributed to a health care provider, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.3703 — To facilitate the installation of broadband infrastructure, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]; Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure*

*H.R.3699 – To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, to update and clarify its rule on substances generally recognized as safe, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.3694 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the United States Trade Representative and other heads of Federal agencies, to submit to Congress a report the impact of a waiver of certain obligations of member nations under the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights on global COVID-19 vaccine access, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Carter, Earl L. “Buddy” [R-GA-1]; Committees: House - Ways and Means*

*H.R.3693 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reimbursement of continuing professional education expenses for health care professionals of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Sponsor: Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]; Committees: House - Veterans’ Affairs*

*H.R.3689 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for eldercare expenses. Sponsor: Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]; Committees: House - Ways and Means*

*H.R.3688 — To address maternal mortality and morbidity. Sponsor: Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.Res.462 — Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the need to conduct a comprehensive investigation to determine the origins of COVID-19, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs*

*H.Res.461 — Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Sponsor: Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Foreign Affairs*

*S.1958 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to teaching health centers that operate graduate medical education programs; Sponsor: Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.1962 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grant funding to States for mental health and substance use disorder parity implementation; Sponsor: Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.1965 — A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve long-term care provided to veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs*

*S.1966 — A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the availability of coverage for lung cancer screenings without the imposition of cost sharing; Sponsor: Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.1967 — A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a program to carry out minor military construction projects to construct child development centers and to provide education and treatment services for infant and early childhood mental health, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]; Committees: Senate - Armed Services*

*S.1971 — A bill to improve the understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*S.1972 — A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve dependent coverage under the TRICARE Young Adult Program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]; Committees: Senate - Armed Services*

*S.1974 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Strategic National Stockpile, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.1976 — A bill to establish a program to oversee the global COVID-10 response and prepare for future pandemics, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]; Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations*

*S.1977 — A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide Medicaid coverage for all pregnant and postpartum women, to provide coverage under the Medicaid program for services provided by doulas, midwives, and lactation consultants, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*S.1979 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and modify the credit for increasing research activities, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]; Committees: Senate – Finance*

*H.R.3742 — Vaccine INFO Act; Sponsor: Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.3743 — Supporting the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration Act; Sponsor: Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.3746 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benchmarking process for the Medicare Shared Savings Program; Sponsor: Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.3749 — To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the availability of coverage for lung cancer screenings without the imposition of cost sharing; Sponsor: Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.3753 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grant funding to States for mental health and substance use disorder parity implementation; Sponsor: Rep. Cardenas, Tony [D-CA-29]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.3759 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.3761 — To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a time-limited provisional approval pathway, subject to specific obligations, for certain drugs and biological products, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.3762 — To prohibit the use of any COVID-19 relief funds by a State or political subdivision thereof to develop or implement a vaccine passport system, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.3771 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.3773 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institutes of Health to make awards to outstanding scientists, including physician-scientists, to support researchers focusing on pediatric research, including basic, clinical, translational, or pediatric pharmacological research, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.3775 — To amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to authorize the establishment of, and provide support for, State-based universal health care systems that provide comprehensive health benefits to State residents, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Armed Services; Oversight and Reform; Education and Labor*

*H.R.3778 — To establish a program to oversee the global COVID-19 response and prepare for future pandemics, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs; Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.3783 — To provide for the coverage of medically necessary food and vitamins and individual amino acids for digestive and inherited metabolic disorders under Federal health programs and private health insurance, to ensure State and Federal protection for existing coverage, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Oversight and Reform; Armed Services*

*H.R.3792 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to support the development and implementation of programs using data analysis to identify and facilitate strategies to improve outcomes for children in geographic areas with a high prevalence of trauma from exposure to adverse childhood experiences, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.3799 — To direct the Secretary of the Treasury to develop and administer a national incentive program to provide prizes for qualified vaccinated individuals; Sponsor: Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.R.3802 — To make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants for the transportation of highly rural veterans to medical care; Sponsor: Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs*

*S.Res.266 — A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 2021 as “National Brain Tumor Awareness Month”; Sponsor: Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]; Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.*

*S.1986 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 to expand and expedite access to cardiac rehabilitation programs and pulmonary rehabilitation programs under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*S.1988 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect access to telehealth services under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*S.2002 — A bill to provide that any termination of a director of a national research institute or national center of the National Institutes of Health be on the basis of malfeasance, neglect of office, or incapacity only; Sponsor: Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.2011 — A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to honor the contributions of all those whose efforts led to the successful development of life saving vaccines to combat the novel coronavirus; Sponsor: Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]; Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*

*S.2013 — A bill to provide for the coverage of medically necessary food and vitamins and individual amino acids for digestive and inherited metabolic disorder under Federal health programs and private health insurance, to ensure State and Federal protection for existing coverage, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.2021 — A bill 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: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]; Committees: Senate - Finance*

*S.2022 — A bill to enable States to better provide access to whole genome sequencing clinical services for certain undiagnosed children under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]; Committees: Senate - Finance*



*S.2025 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to innovative new medical devices furnished to individuals with end state renal disease under part B of the Medicare program by establishing a new device add-on payment adjustment under such part; Sponsor: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]; Committees: Senate – Finance*

*S.2027 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the programs and activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to Tourette syndrome; Sponsor: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

*S.2037 — A bill to amend title XVIII to strengthen ambulance services furnished under part B of the Medicare program; Sponsor: Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]; Committees: Senate – Finance*