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Government Shutdown Now Longest in History

The partial government shutdown, in its fourth week, has set the record for the longest funding lapse in modern history – surpassing a 21-day shutdown between December 1995 and January 1996. Negotiations between congressional Democrats and President Trump remain at an impasse over the President’s demand for border wall funding with no clear path forward. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has reportedly made preparations for the shutdown to continue through the end of February. It remains unclear whether President Trump will declare a national emergency on the border in an attempt to circumvent Congress and fund the construction of a wall on the southern border.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, stating that the shutdown is one of the “most significant operational challenges” in the agency’s history, announced that the agency would use its limited resources to address the most critical safety work – moving funding from the pre-market review of new drugs to post-market drug safety surveillance. The FDA can’t operate using government funding during the shutdown, and it cannot accept new user fees, but it can use carry over fees from before the shutdown. Gottlieb also made assurances that the FDA is not experiencing any delays in its review of medical devices imported into the U.S.

Congress has passed legislation that would give federal workers back pay for work during the shutdown. The Senate passed S. 24 by voice vote last week; the bill was subsequently passed by the House by a vote of 411-7 and sent to President Trump for his signature. President Trump has signaled that he plans to sign the legislation.

In an attempt to jumpstart negotiations, Senators Rob Portman (R-Ohio) and Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) introduced legislation (S. 108) that would create a \$25 billion fund for the provision of border security measures that are aligned with the President’s requests and

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codify protections for individuals currently covered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. This proposed approach for ending the government shutdown has been rejected by Vice President Mike Pence. A group of Senate Republicans have also introduced legislation (S. 104) that would prevent a government shutdown should budget negotiations fail to meet spending deadlines in the future. In such cases, the bill would create an automatic continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government open. It was introduced by Sens. Rob Portman (R-Ohio), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.), Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Jim Risch (R-Idaho), Mike Lee (R-Utah), and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska).

The House of Representatives advanced legislation (H.R. 265) to fund the Agriculture Department and the FDA by a vote of 243-183. The bill would appropriate spending through the end of the current fiscal year (Sept. 30) and is based on legislation passed by the Senate last congress. It is a part of a package of bills House Democrats hope to use to pressure the Senate to vote to end the partial government shutdown. Senate Democrats withheld support for a Middle East policy measure as a protest of the partial government shutdown last week. Democratic leader Chuck Schumer (N.Y.) has called on the chamber to take up House-passed legislation that would re-open the government. The Senate is not expected to act because the White House has threatened to veto such spending measures if they do not include funding for a U.S.-Mexico border wall.

ACA Lawsuit Update

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit has granted the Department of Justice's request that appeal proceedings in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) lawsuit be temporarily halted due to the partial government shutdown and consequent funding lapse affecting the agency. Attorneys general from a group of Democratic states have filed an appeal challenging a lower court's ruling that the law is unconstitutional. The law will remain in effect until the conclusion of the appeals process.

The House of Representatives passed another measure last week to permit House counsel to intervene in the lawsuit. H.Res. 6 passed by a vote of 235-192, with GOP Reps. John Katko (N.Y.), Brian Fitzpatrick (Pa.), and Tom Reed (N.Y.) joining Democrats in support of the resolution. The House had previously passed the same provision as a part of a rules package at the start of the 116th Congress.

House Passes PAHPA/OTC Legislation

The House of Representatives passed the *Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019* last week. The \$7 billion reauthorization measure for emergency pandemic-prevention programs, which includes an overhaul of the over-the-counter (OTC) drug regulatory framework, passed by a vote of 401-17. Most of the emergency health programs covered by H.R. 269 expired at the end of September. The legislation would reauthorize them through fiscal year (FY) 2023. Similar legislation was passed by the House at the conclusion of the 115th Congress but was blocked in the Senate.

The House also passed H.R. 259 last week, which would provide \$112 million in funding to continue projects under the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration Grant for FY 2019. The bill would be paid for by reducing Medicaid funding for states that don't have asset verification programs for Medicaid eligibility determination beginning in 2021.

Democrats Introduce Package of Drug Pricing Legislation

Democrats in the House and Senate, led by Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-Vt.), have introduced a package of drug pricing legislation. The package includes the reintroduction of a bill that would tie drug prices to the cost paid in other countries, an idea similar to what the administration has proposed in its International Pricing Index (IPI) regulation. Under the ***Prescription Drug Price Relief Act*** (S.102/H.R. 465), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would be responsible for ensuring that Americans do not pay more for a product than the median price of Canada, U.K., France, Germany, and Japan. The ***Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act*** (S. 97/H.R. 447) would legalize drug importation from Canada and other major countries. The ***Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Act*** (S. 99/H.R. 448) would allow Medicare to negotiate prices in Part D. Sanders was joined by Reps. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.), Ro Khanna (D-Calif.), Peter Welch (D-Vt.), Joe Neguse (D-Co.), Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.), and other cosponsors in unveiling the package. They called on the President to back the legislation.

In related news, HHS Secretary Alex Azar has requested a meeting with Rep. Cummings, and the two plan to meet this week to discuss the issue of drug pricing.

Klobuchar, Grassley Introduce Bipartisan Prescription Drug Cost Legislation

Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) have introduced a bill aimed at curbing so-called pay-for-delay tactics allegedly used to deter market entry by generic manufacturers. Klobuchar and Grassley also introduced legislation last week that would allow Americans to import prescription drugs from Canadian pharmacies. The ***Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2019*** would direct the FDA to permit personal importation of pharmaceuticals – excluding biologics and certain controlled substances like opioids – from approved Canadian pharmacies. Products could be purchased in supplies of 90-days or less and could not be resold. While Grassley opposes proposals to negotiate prices in Part D, he has said he will make drug prices a top priority as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. He has also promised action on the ***CREATES Act***, which would adjust risk evaluation and mitigation strategy (REMS) requirements with the aim of easing generic drugs' entry onto the market.

Bipartisan Request for Greater CMMI Transparency

Ways and Means Committee leadership have sent a [letter](#) to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Seema Verma requesting more transparency from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). The bipartisan letter from Chairman Richard Neal (D-Mass.) and Ranking Member Kevin Brady (R-Texas) asks Verma to reform CMMI processes to incorporate greater opportunity for public input as different delivery system and payment models are developed. The lawmakers ask for details on what models are under active consideration by the agency, and for a description of activities that CMS and CMMI intend to engage in to promote transparency and engage Congress, stakeholders, Medicare beneficiaries, and the public prior to each model being finalized. Chairman Neal has stated that a review of CMMI will be a priority for the committee this year. Ranking Member Brady hopes the panel will examine maternal mortality and health care fraud on a bipartisan basis as well.

Budget Chairman Requests Single-Payer CBO Report

House Budget Chairman John Yarmuth (D-Ky.) has [written](#) to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) asking the agency to prepare a report on the administration, enrollment, coverage, and cost-sharing aspects of a single-payer health care system. "Members of Congress developing proposals to establish a single-payer system will face many important decisions that could have major implications for federal spending, national health care spending, and access to care," the letter states. Yarmuth asks CBO to consider other public health programs, cost-containment, how rates would be set, and how to pay for the system.

NIH Responds to Research Integrity Concerns

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has [responded](#) to a request from Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) regarding allegations of foreign influence on NIH-funded research. Lawrence Tabak, of NIH's Intramural Research Program, outlines the NIH's process for conducting background checks on employees, contractors, and affiliates, and the enforcement mechanisms the agency has at its disposal. Grassley responded that the letter left many of his initial questions unanswered, including how much money is dedicated to oversight functions and reporting mechanisms to protect the integrity of research at the NIH. The letter had indicated that this figure is difficult to quantify because it is only one component of the agency's compliance responsibilities, but that the NIH would continue to work with the senator to address his concerns.

House Dems Push for Prioritization of Opioid Crisis

More than 60 Democrats have signed a [letter](#) urging House leadership to make countering the opioid epidemic a priority for the 116th Congress. "At a time when our state and local partners are begging for federal assistance to combat the opioid crisis in their communities," the letter states, "Congress must answer the call through increased resources, creative solutions, and with more legislative staff." The signatories characterize themselves as members from states most impacted by the crisis.

Democratic Health Leaders Request Info on Short-Term Plans

Democratic health leaders have sent a [letter](#) to administration officials to reiterate a request for information on the White House plan to expand the availability of short-term health insurance plans. The lawmakers cite two outstanding letters from last year and request additional information on how the administration developed its final rulemaking. "We believe allowing for renewal or extension of short-term policies for up to 36 months is contrary to law, and that the creation of an entirely unregulated parallel market competing against the market for Qualified Health Plans goes against Congressional intent in enacting the comprehensive consumer protections embodied in the Affordable Care Act," the lawmakers wrote. The letter to HHS Secretary Alex Azar, Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, and OMB Director Mick Mulvaney was signed by Energy and Commerce Chairman Frank Pallone (D-N.J.), Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal (D-Mass.), Education and Labor Chairman Bobby Scott (D-Va.), Senate Finance Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), and Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-Wash.).

Dems Inquire on ACA User Fees

Democratic lawmakers have [written](#) to Secretary Azar and CMS Administrator Verma requesting details on how the administration spent the \$1 billion in user fees generated by ACA marketplace exchanges. States and insurers that use healthcare.gov are charged a user fee that is used to cover the costs of running the exchanges during open enrollment. The letter questions whether the dedicated funding has been spent "effectively, legally, and appropriately" given cuts made by the administration to ACA marketing and outreach. The letter was signed by House Energy and Commerce Chairman Frank Pallone (D-N.J.), Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal (D-Mass.), Education and Labor Chairman Bobby Scott (D-Va.), Senate Finance Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), and HELP Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-Wash.).

Medicaid Block Grant Plan Underway at CMS

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is working to develop a plan that would provide states with additional flexibility to manage their Medicaid programs, while changing the program from an open-ended entitlement to block grant funding, according to sources within the Trump administration. Republicans had previously proposed Medicaid spending caps during the 2017 debate over repealing and replacing the ACA. CMS officials have voiced support for the concept of block grants. The idea remains a work in progress, though the agency hopes to announce the proposal early this year.

Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Meetings

Senate Judiciary Committee hearing to examine the nomination of William Pelham Barr, of Virginia, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice; 9:30 a.m., 216 Hart Bldg.; January 15

Senate Special Aging Committee hearing to examine fighting elder fraud, focusing on progress made and work to be done; 9:30 a.m., 562 Dirksen Bldg.; January 16

House Committee on Oversight and Reform hearing on prescription drug price increases; time and place TBD; January 29

Recently Introduced Health Legislation

S.3 — A bill to bring stability to the individual insurance market, make insurance coverage more affordable, lower prescription drug prices, and improve Medicaid; Sponsor: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.11 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to strengthen the National Disaster Medical System, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.12 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve access to health care through expanded health savings accounts, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.18 — 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.19 — A bill to exempt health insurance of residents of United States territories from the annual fee on health insurance providers; Sponsor: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.22 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of dental services under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]; Committees: Senate – Finance

H.Res.14 — Authorizing the Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, to intervene, otherwise appear, or take any other steps in the case of Texas v. United States, and in any appellate proceedings arising from such case, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]; Committees: House - Rules, House Administration

H.Res.16 — Recognizing the importance of access to comprehensive, high-quality, life-affirming medical care for women of all ages; Sponsor: Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.J.Res.17 — Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding health care; Sponsor: Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]; Committees: House – Judiciary

H.R.23 — To eliminate the sunset date for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for such program, and to extend certain operating hours for pharmacies and medical facilities of the Department, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs

H.R.53 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals reimbursed under the Medicare system to establish and implement security procedures to reduce the likelihood of infant patient abduction and baby switching, including procedures for identifying all infant patients in the hospital in a manner that ensures that it will be evident if infants are missing from the hospital; Sponsor: Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Judiciary, Energy and Commerce

H.R.59 — To amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require that a State awarded a Federal grant to establish an Exchange and that terminates the State operation of such an Exchange provide for an audit of the use of grant funds and return funds to the Federal Government, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.64 — To intensify stem cell research showing evidence of substantial clinical benefit to patients, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.70 — To abolish the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.71 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage; Sponsor: Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.81 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an above-the-line deduction for health insurance premiums; Sponsor: Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]; Committees: House - Ways and Means

H.R.83 — To repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; Sponsor: Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, Natural Resources, Judiciary, House Administration, Rules, Appropriations

H.R.90 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption to the individual mandate to maintain health coverage for individuals residing in counties with fewer than 2 health insurance issuers offering plans on an Exchange; to require Members of Congress and congressional staff to abide by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act with respect to health insurance coverage; and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, House Administration

H.R.96 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish dental care in the same manner as any other medical service, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs

H.R.100 — To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct an independent review of the deaths of certain veterans by suicide, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs

H.R.103 — To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the United States and Canada; Sponsor: Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]; Committees: House - Education and the Workforce

H.R.106 — To make clear that an agency outside of the Department of Health and Human Services may not designate, appoint, or employ special consultants, fellows, or other employees under subsection (f) or (g) of section 207 of the Public Health Service Act; Sponsor: Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.107 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to sunset the limit on the maximum rebate amount for single source drugs and innovator multiple source drugs; Sponsor: Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.108 — To provide that certain bad faith communications in connection with the assertion of a United States patent are unfair or deceptive acts or practices, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.117 — To authorize funding for the creation and implementation of infant mortality pilot programs in standard metropolitan statistical areas with high rates of infant mortality, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.127 — To extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana; Sponsor: Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Judiciary, Veterans' Affairs

H.R.142 — To provide for phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance payments during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness; Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]; Committees: House - Ways and Means

H.R.148 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide incentives for education on the risk of renal medullary carcinoma in individuals who are receiving medical assistance under such title and who have Sickle Cell Disease; Sponsor: Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.171 — To provide for the legitimate use of medicinal marihuana in accordance with the laws of the various States; Sponsor: Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.185 — To repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; Sponsor: Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, Natural Resources, Judiciary, House Administration, Rules, Appropriations

H.R.207 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program supporting trauma centers with violence intervention and violence prevention programs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.220 — To provide for a national strategy to address and overcome Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.233 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify the authority of State Medicaid fraud and abuse control units to investigate and prosecute cases of Medicaid patient abuse and neglect in any setting, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.259 — To extend the Medicaid Money Follows the Person Rebalancing demonstration, to extend protection for Medicaid recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Budget

H.R.260 — To extend the Medicaid Money Follows the Person Rebalancing demonstration, to extend protection for Medicaid recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment, to extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]; Committees: House - Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Budget

S.30 — A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a plan to provide chiropractic health care services for certain covered beneficiaries as part of the TRICARE program; Sponsor: Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]; Committees: Senate - Armed Services

H.R.269 — To reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, 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. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Homeland Security, Veterans' Affairs, Judiciary

H.R.275 — To amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries; Sponsor: Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means

H.R.280 — To provide for systemic research, treatment, prevention, awareness, and dissemination of information with respect to sports-related and other concussions; Sponsor: Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.296 — To amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.320 — To expand and enhance existing adult day programs for younger people with neurological diseases or conditions (such as multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, traumatic brain injury, or other similar diseases or conditions) to support and improve access to respite services for family caregivers who are taking care of such people, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.321 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to create a National Neuromyelitis Optica Consortium to provide grants and coordinate research with respect to the causes of, and risk factors associated with, neuromyelitis optica, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.326 — To direct the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance for individuals affected by exposure to Agent Orange, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs, Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs

H.R.344 — To require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a plan to provide chiropractic health care services for certain covered beneficiaries as part of the TRICARE program; Sponsor: Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]; Committees: House - Armed Services

H.R.345 — To support programs for mosquito-borne and other vector-borne disease surveillance and control; Sponsor: Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.352 — To remove penalties for health insurers under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; Sponsor: Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

S.61 — A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada; Sponsor: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.62 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate fair prescription drug prices under part D of the Medicare program; Sponsor: Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.64 — A bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and to prohibit biological product manufacturers from compensating biosimilar and interchangeable companies to delay the entry of biosimilar biological products and interchangeable biological products; Sponsor: Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]; Committees: Senate – Judiciary

S.68 — A bill to require the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission to publish an annual report on the estimated impact in each State of the Medicaid expansion added by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, including the estimated impact that adopting such expansion would have in States that have not expanded their Medicaid coverage; Sponsor: Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]; Committees: Senate – Finance

H.R.366 — To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to eliminate cost sharing with respect to coverage of insulin as a covered part D drug under the Medicare program or as a covered outpatient drug under the Medicaid program; Sponsor: Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means

H.R.373 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for certain administrative or judicial review respecting the identification of primary care practitioners under part B of the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means

H.R.383 — To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that preexisting condition exclusions with respect to enrollment in health insurance coverage and group health plans continue to be prohibited; Sponsor: Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

S.73 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny the deduction for advertising and promotional expenses for prescription drugs; Sponsor: Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.80 — A bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Sponsor: Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.95 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to designate certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.97 — A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the importation of affordable and safe drugs by wholesale distributors, pharmacies, and individuals; Sponsor: Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.99 — A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the negotiation of lower covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries and the establishment and application of a formulary by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under Medicare part D, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.102 — A bill to significantly lower prescription drug prices for patients in the United States by ending government-granted monopolies for manufacturers who charge drug prices that are higher than the median prices at which the drugs are available in other countries; Sponsor: Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.105 — A bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.106 — A bill to reauthorize and extend funding for community health centers and the National Health Service Corps; Sponsor: Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]; Committees: Senate – Finance

H.R.437 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit research with human fetal tissue obtained pursuant to an abortion, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.447 — To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the importation of affordable and safe drugs by wholesale distributors, pharmacies, and individuals; Sponsor: Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.448 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the negotiation of lower covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries and the establishment and application of a formulary by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under Medicare part D, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means

H.R.456 — To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to permit insurers to offer catastrophic coverage plans to anyone, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.457 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the maximum contribution limit for health savings accounts, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]; Committees: House - Ways and Means

H.R.458 — To prohibit implementation of the revised definition of short-term, limited duration insurance in order to permit such insurance to provide up to 12 months of coverage; Sponsor: Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, Ways and Means

H.R.460 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to amend the Federal medical assistance percentage for the District of Columbia for fiscal years after 2020, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.461 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure appropriate care by certain 340B covered entities for victims of sexual assault, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.465 — To significantly lower prescription drug prices for patients in the United States by ending government-granted monopolies for manufacturers who charge drug prices that are higher than the median prices at which the drugs are available in other countries; Sponsor: Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Judiciary

H.R.478 — To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada; Sponsor: Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.485 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the circumstances under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide reimbursement for emergency ambulance services; Sponsor: Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs