



Health Policy Briefing

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WH Budget Coming This Friday

The President's fiscal year (FY) 2022 budget proposal is slated to be released on Friday, May 28, according to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). OMB had previously announced that the budget would be unveiled on May 27. The *Washington Post* has reported that the budget will not include several health care proposals touted by President Joe Biden on the campaign trail, such as a government-run public health insurance option and provisions to lower the cost of prescription drugs. A White House spokesperson confirmed that the budget will not include any major initiatives that have not already been released. The administration is prioritizing its Build Back Better proposal, which contains trillions in spending for infrastructure and social welfare programs.

CMS Nominee Moves Closer to Confirmation

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, the President's nominee to lead the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), could see a confirmation vote in the Senate as early as this week. The chamber is scheduled to vote today at 5:30 p.m. on whether to invoke cloture on her nomination, the last procedural vote before a final confirmation vote. Simple majorities are required for both cloture and the final vote. Brooks-LaSure is a former Obama administration health official who helped implement the Affordable Care Act (ACA) while serving as deputy director for policy at the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO). She also chaired President Joe Biden's health transition team. Earlier in her career, she was a staffer for the House Ways and Means Committee where she helped to draft the ACA while working with HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, who served on the panel during his time in Congress.

Her nomination has been slowed due to Republican opposition led by Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) in protest of the Biden administration's recent decision to revoke a 1115 Medicaid waiver extension for the state of Texas; the waiver was approved in January by the Trump administration. She appears to have enough support for confirmation; Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) previously joined Democrats in supporting her nomination.

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Recently Passed Health Care Legislation

The House of Representatives passed the ***Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusivity Act*** (H.R.1629) last week. The bill would prevent pharmaceutical manufacturers from extending their patent protections on certain orphan drugs and would limit exclusivity for new versions of older drugs. The bill was passed by a vote of 400-23. The administration has stated that the measure is supported by the President. The Senate cleared the ***TRANSPLANT Act*** (H.R.941) by voice vote last week. The bill, which was passed by the House in April, would reauthorize the ***Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005***. It will now be sent to the President's desk for his signature.

Sanders to Introduce Health Care Workforce Legislation

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) has introduced legislation to address the nation's health care workforce shortages. The ***Addressing the Shortage of Doctors Act*** will add 14,000 Medicare-funded graduate medical education (GME) slots over the course of 7 years, reserving half of the new slots for training primary care physicians. It would also increase funding for the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) by \$1 billion per year for 10 years and permanently authorize the Teaching Health Center GME program.

Cures 2.0 Expected to be Released Next Month

The latest draft of the follow-up legislation to the ***21st Century Cures Act*** is expected to be released in early June, according to the bill's authors Reps. Diana DeGette (D-Colo.) and Fred Upton (R-Mich.). The measure will be focused on the delivery of cutting edge treatments and will include the President's proposal for the creation of an Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H). It will also include provisions on how to improve pandemic preparedness and increase diversity in clinical trials. DeGette and Upton have begun discussions with their Senate colleagues on the measure. They hope to pass Cures 2.0 by the end of the year but have indicated that the bill could be attached to upcoming Food and Drug Administration (FDA) user fee reauthorizations, which expire in September 2022.

Lawmakers Request More Aid for Health Care Coverage

A group of 18 Senate Democrats have sent a [letter](#) to the White House requesting more federal aid for lowering Americans' health insurance premiums, deductibles, and out-of-pocket costs. The lawmakers, led by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), argue that such expenses are deterring individuals from obtaining health insurance coverage. "To make historic progress toward covering the uninsured, and to ensure that having coverage truly delivers affordable access to health care and improved financial security, additional federal assistance to reduce cost-sharing expenses is critical," the senators write. They also urge the administration to undertake a new effort to close coverage gaps in states that have not expanded their Medicaid programs.

Oversight Panel Investigates AbbVie Price Hikes, Emergent Vaccine Manufacturing

The House Oversight and Reform Committee has released a new staff [report](#) investigating price hikes and patent activity undertaken by pharmaceutical manufacturer AbbVie. The report outlines how the company used its market power and the patent system to increase sales of its rheumatoid arthritis medication Humira in the U.S. while lowering its prices abroad. The analysis is based on internal company documents obtained by the committee. Chair Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.), Judiciary Committee Chair Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), and Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law Chair David Cicilline (D-R.I.) also sent a [letter](#) to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) last week urging the agency to open a formal inquiry into AbbVie's actions to delay competition from biosimilar products.

The committee also released its initial [findings](#) from its investigation into vaccine manufacturer Emergent BioSolutions Inc. The report details the company's failure to address deficiencies in its vaccine production following warnings stemming from a series of FDA inspections last year. The warnings suggested that Emergent required "extensive training of personnel" and "strengthening of the quality function," and that it had a deficient virus contamination control strategy. The probe also includes information related to the contract awarded to Emergent by the Trump administration and the company's relationship with former administration official Robert Kadlec.

GAO Releases New Report on COVID-19 in Nursing Homes

A new [report](#) from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) reveals that 94% of nursing homes in the U.S. reported multiple COVID-19 outbreaks over the last year. The coronavirus pandemic killed more than 132,000 nursing home residents across the approximately 15,000 nursing homes in the nation. Only 64 facilities reported no outbreaks at all, while 85% of facilities experienced outbreaks that lasted for 5 weeks or more.

Stakeholders Push for Investment in Health Care Infrastructure

A coalition of more than 229 health care stakeholder organizations is [urging](#) congressional leadership to include investments in the medical research enterprise as lawmakers consider initiatives to strengthen the nation's infrastructure. The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research endorses the bipartisan ***RISE Act*** (H.R. 869/S. 289), which would provide one-time emergency funding for federal research agencies, including \$10 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The groups also encourage additional support for extramural and intramural research facility upgrades and further investments in high-speed computation, greater data repository capacity, and improved biocontainment capabilities.

AAMC Leads Letter on Increasing GME Residency Slots

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) spearheaded a letter to congressional leadership last week pushing for the inclusion of support for physician training in upcoming legislative efforts to improve the nation's infrastructure. The letter, which was signed by members of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Advocacy Coalition, endorses passage of the ***Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act*** (S. 834/H.R. 2256) to alleviate the shortage of physicians in the U.S., which is estimated to reach between 54,100 and 139,000 physicians by 2033. The legislation would gradually provide 14,000 new Medicare-supported GME positions targeted at hospitals serving patients in health professional shortage areas, hospitals in states with new medical schools or branch campuses, and hospitals already training over their Medicare caps.

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 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee markup of S. __, Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act; S. 1491, Rural Maternal and Obstetric Modernization of Services Act; S. __, Supporting the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration Act; S. 1301, Promoting Physical Activity for Americans Act; S. 610, Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act; S. 1658, Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers Act; 10:00 a.m.; May 25

House Appropriations Committee hearing “FY 2022 Budget Request for the National Institutes of Health;” 10:00 a.m.; May 25

House Appropriations Committee hearing “Fiscal Year 2022 Defense Health and Medical Readiness;” 11:00 a.m.; May 25

Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution hearing “Stop Gun Violence: Safe Storage;” 2:30 p.m.; May 25

House Appropriations Committee hearing “FY 2022 Budget Request for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;” 10:00 a.m.; May 26

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Depts. of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education hearing “National Institutes of Health’s FY22 Budget and the State of Medical Research;” 10:00 a.m.; May 26

House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing “A Shot at Normalcy: Building COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence;” 11:00 a.m.; May 26

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for FY2022 for the Department of Homeland Security; 2:00 p.m.; May 26

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for FY2022 for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); 2:30 p.m.; May 26

House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs hearing “USAID FY22 Budget Request;” 11:00 a.m.; May 27

House Veterans’ Affairs Committee hearing “Investing in a Better VA: Examining the Role of Infrastructure in Veterans’ Access to Care and Benefits;” 2:30 p.m.; May 27

Recently Introduced Health Legislation

H.Res.402 — Recognizing the devastating impact of COVID-19 in India and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to COVID assistance to India; Sponsor: Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

H.R.3236 — To prohibit the President from taking any action to support the waiver of obligations of members of the World Trade Organization under the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights in relation to the prevention, containment, mitigation, or treatment of COVID-19 unless a statute is enacted expressly authorizing such a waiver with respect to the prevention, containment, mitigation, or treatment of COVID-19, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs; Ways and Means

H.R.3256 — To prohibit Federal funding to the Wuhan Institute of Virology; Sponsor: Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

H.R.3258 — To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to improve patient access to anti-cancer oral medications, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3259 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to combat the opioid crisis by promoting access to non-opioid treatments in the hospital outpatient setting; Sponsor: Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

S.1654 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include certain over-the-counter dietary supplement products as qualified medical expenses; Sponsor: Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.1660 — A bill to expand access to health care services for immigrants by removing legal and policy barriers to health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.1662 — A bill to increase funding for the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration and for the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health; Sponsor: Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

H.Res.404 — Expressing support for the designation of the 17th day in May as “DIPG Awareness Day” to raise awareness and encourage research into cures for diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) and pediatric cancers in general; Sponsor: Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.Res.407 — Expressing support for the designation of September 2021 as “National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month”; Sponsor: Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3263 — To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security a medical countermeasures program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]; Committees: House - Homeland Security

H.R.3264 — To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require research and development to identify and evaluate the extent to which critical domain risks within the United States supply chain pose a substantial threat to homeland security, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]; Committees: House - Homeland Security

H.R.3269 — To amend the Controlled Substances Act to list fentanyl-related substances as schedule I controlled substances, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Judiciary

H.R.3271 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop and implement a national strategic action plan and program to assist health professionals and systems in preparing for and responding to the public health effects of climate change, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

S.1666 — A bill to clarify the authority for regulating laboratory-developed testing procedures; Sponsor: Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1675 — A bill to improve maternal health; Sponsor: Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1679 — A bill to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to authorize assistance for increasing workforce diversity in the professions of physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, audiology, and speech-language pathology, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1685 — A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings; Sponsor: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]; Committees: Senate - Budget

S.1689 — A bill to provide for the overall health and well-being of young people, including the promotion and attainment of lifelong sexual health and healthy relationships, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

H.R.3297 — To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the Public Health Workforce Loan Repayment Program; Sponsor: Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.3312 — To provide for the overall health and well-being of young people, including the promotion and attainment of lifelong sexual health and healthy relationships, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]; Committees: House - Education and Labor; Energy and Commerce

H.R.3320 — To amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to authorize assistance for increasing workforce diversity in the professions of physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, audiology, and speech-language pathology, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3322 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and eligible professionals to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits; Sponsor: Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

S.1692 — A bill to provide better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their caregivers, while accelerating progress toward prevention strategies, disease modifying treatments, and, ultimately, a cure; Sponsor: Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.1693 — A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the use of the Strategic National Stockpile to enhance domestic medical supply chain elasticity and establish and maintain domestic reserves of critical medical supplies, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1697 — A bill to address maternity care storages and promote optimal maternity outcomes by expanding educational opportunities for midwives, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1698 — A bill to allow for hemp-derived cannabidiol and hemp-derived cannabidiol containing substances in dietary supplements and food; Sponsor: Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1702 — A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop and implement a national strategic action plan and program to assist health professionals and systems in preparing for and responding to the public health effects of climate change, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1704 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the exemption for telehealth services from certain high deductible health plan rules; Sponsor: Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]; Committees: Senate - Finance

S.1716 — A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a Medicaid demonstration program to develop and advance innovative payment models for freestanding birth center services for women with a low-risk pregnancy; Sponsor: Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]; Committees: Senate - Finance

H.Res.414 — Directing the Attending Physician to take timely action to provide updated mask wearing guidance applicable to the Hall of the House of Representatives and committee meeting spaces for Members and staff who are vaccinated against Covid-19, consistent with the public guidance released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on May 13, 2021; Sponsor: Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-23]; Committees: House - House Administration

H.R.3337 — To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a Medicaid demonstration program to develop and advance innovative payment models for freestanding birth center services for women with a low-risk pregnancy, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3345 — To amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and title XIX of the Social Security Act to promote extended coverage of pregnant and postpartum women under the Medicaid program; Sponsor: Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3348 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow payments under the Medicare program for certain items and services furnished by off-campus outpatient departments of a provider to be determined under the prospective payment system for hospital outpatient department services, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R.3352 — To address maternity care shortages and promote optimal maternity outcomes by expanding educational opportunities for midwives, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3353 — To amend the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act to modernize verification of contact lens prescriptions, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.R.3354 — To provide better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their caregivers while accelerating progress toward prevention strategies, disease modifying treatments, and, ultimately, a cure; Sponsor: Rep. Sanchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

S.1723 — A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a stewardship fee on the production and importation of opioid pain relievers, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.1726 — A bill to amend chapter 83 of title 41, United States Code (popularly referred to as the Buy American Act) and certain other laws with respect to certain waivers under those laws, to provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]; Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

S.1727 — A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a higher Federal matching rate for increased expenditures under Medicaid for behavioral health services (including those related to mental health and substance use), and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.1731 — A bill to provide certain coverage of audiologist services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.1737 — A bill to establish a global zoonotic disease task force, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]; Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

S.1738 — A bill to provide additional funding for school-based health centers, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1744 — A bill to improve national security at the National Institutes of Health, to address national security issues in the licensure of biological products, to address national security considerations in research at the Department of Health and Human Services, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S.1773 — A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to establish internet website-based dashboards to allow the public to review information on spending for, and utilization of, prescription drugs and biologicals covered under the Medicare and Medicaid programs; Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]; Committees: Senate – Finance

S.1779 — A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate copayments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for medicines relating to preventive health services, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs

S.1784 — A bill to amend the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act to modernize verification of contact lens prescriptions, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]; Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

H.Res.423 — Expressing the House of Representatives' support for COVID-19 vaccinations and affirming their safety and efficacy; Sponsor: Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.Res.424 — Expressing support for the designation of June 1, 2021, as “Batten Disease Awareness Day”; Sponsor: Rep. Garcia, Mike [R-CA-25]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

H.Res.425 — Supporting the designation of May as “National Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease and Conditions Awareness Month”; Sponsor: Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]; Committees: House - Oversight and Reform

H.R.3380 — *To amend chapter 83 of title 41, United States Code (popularly referred to as the Buy American Act), and certain other laws with respect to certain waivers under those laws, to provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]; Committees: House - Oversight and Reform; Transportation and Infrastructure; Financial Services*

H.R.3400 — *To amend title 38, United States Code, to reimburse veterans for the cost of emergency medical transportation to a Federal facility, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs*

H.R.3401 — *To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the non-applicability of non-Department of Veterans Affairs covenants not to compete to the appointment of certain Veterans Health Administration personnel, to permit the Veterans Health Administration to make contingent appointments, and to require certain Veterans Health Administration physicians to complete residency training; Sponsor: Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs*

H.R.3407 — *To improve Federal efforts with respect to the prevention of maternal mortality, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Education and Labor*

H.R.3424 — *To establish a global zoonotic disease task force, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs*

H.R.3432 — *To require the Secretary of Education to enter into an agreement with the National Academies to conduct a study on the possible mental health effects of a lockdown drill or active shooter drill in elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]; Committees: House - Education and Labor*

H.R.3434 — *To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the treatment of the United States territories under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

H.R.3436 — *To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to exempt certain direct primary care arrangements from regulation as health insurance coverage; Sponsor: Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. [R-MT-At Large]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

H.R.3437 — *To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to guarantee BioBonds in order to provide funding for loans to eligible biomedical companies and universities to carry out clinical trials approved by the Food and Drug Administration, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

H.R.3441 — *To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions to help combat the substance use disorder crisis; Sponsor: Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce*

H.R.3447 — *To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand accessibility to certain telehealth services under the Medicare program; Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

H.R.3450 — *To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a higher Federal matching rate for increased expenditures under Medicaid for behavioral health services (including those related to mental health and substance use), and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

H.R.3452 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate copayments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for medicines relating to preventive health services, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs