

Wynne Health Group Weekly



FRAMING THE WEEK

Infrastructure

The Biden Administration continues to leave the door open to a **bipartisan infrastructure package**, despite making only little progress on its pay-fors. President Joe Biden rejected Republican’s \$928 billion counteroffer, but will meet again with Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) later today. Notably, Biden offered to forgo the corporate tax hike, and instead increase the global minimum tax.

	White House			Senate Republicans	
	March 31	May 21	June 2	April 23	May 27
Size	\$2.25 trillion	\$1.7 trillion		\$568 billion	\$928 billion
Pay-Fors	March 31	May 21			
	Increase corporate tax rate to 28 percent (up from 21 percent), other tax reforms		No corporate tax increase; increase the global minimum tax rate to 15 percent (up from 10.5 percent) and increase tax enforcement	Implement user fees (e.g., electric vehicles), repurpose appropriated federal funds (e.g., coronavirus relief)	
Scope	Traditional infrastructure and nontraditional infrastructure (including home health, housing, schools, research and development, manufacturing) in American Jobs Plan			Traditional infrastructure only	

The President’s latest concession raises some questions about whether the elusive bipartisan deal would even include the nontraditional infrastructure components of the American Jobs Plan. Perhaps out of concern that these pieces may be excluded, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) called on her colleagues to host events in their districts to build support for the American Jobs Plan (AJP) and American Families Plan (AFP) as part of the [Care Economy Week of Action](#) (June 7-13). They will highlight proposals aimed at supporting parents and caregivers – including:

- \$400 billion to expand access to home and community-based services (HCBS) under Medicaid and increase hourly wages for home care workers (in AJP);
- \$225 billion to establish a national paid family and medical leave program (in AFP); and
- \$225 billion to expand access to affordable, high-quality child care (in AFP).

Meanwhile, House Democrats will begin marking up their own infrastructure legislation. On Wednesday (June 9), the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure will markup the newly [introduced](#) Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America (INVEST in America)

Act – a \$547 billion surface transportation reauthorization bill, which includes core components of the American Jobs Plan ([fact sheet](#)).

Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Budget Hearings

As outlined in the calendar below, committees in both chambers will hold hearings to question Administration officials about their FY 2022 funding requests. Shalanda Young, Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, will appear before the House and Senate Budget Committees, the committees tasked with drafting the budget resolution and its reconciliation instructions. The House Appropriations Committee is slated to begin markups for FY 2022 spending bills on June 24.

Three congressional committees – House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education, and Senate Finance Committee – will press Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier on the President's \$1.7 trillion request for HHS ([WHG summary](#)). With Becerra in the hot seat, lawmakers may also ask him about the Administration's plan to lower prescription drug costs (an issue discussed only at a high-level in the budget request); surprise medical billing implementation; COVID-19 response; among other issues. On the HHS budget, Becerra had appeared before the House Energy and Commerce Committee in early May ([WHG summary](#)).

HHS Nomination Hearings: ASPR, SAMHSA

Tomorrow, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will convene a hearing to discuss the nominations of Dawn O'Connell to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and Miriam Delphin-Rittmon to be Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use. Both served during the Obama Administration.

- [O'Connell](#) currently serves as the Senior Counselor to the Secretary for COVID-19, and previously served as the Director of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness and Innovation's (CEPI) US Office and a Senior Counselor to HHS Secretary Sylvia Burwell
- [Delphin-Rittmon](#) is currently the Commissioner of the Connecticut State Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and previously served as a Senior Advisor Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in 2012–2014.

THIS WEEK IN HEALTH POLICY

Tue. (6/8)

- **10:00am – Hearing: HHS Nominations** – The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee convenes a hearing to discuss the nominations of Dawn O'Connell to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response and Miriam Delphin-Rittmon to be Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use. [Details.](#)
- **10:00am – Hearing: HHS Budget** – The House Ways and Means Committee convenes a hearing titled, "President's Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget With The Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Becerra." [Details.](#)
- **11:00am – Hearing: President's Budget** – The Senate Budget Committee convenes a hearing titled, "The President's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Proposal." [Details.](#)
- **12:00pm – Hearing: Opioid Epidemic** – The House Oversight and Reform Committee convenes a hearing titled, "The SACKLER Act and Other Policies to Promote Accountability for the Sackler Family's Role in the Opioid Epidemic." [Details.](#)

Wed. (6/9)

- **10:00am – Hearing: HHS Budget** – The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies convenes a hearing titled, "President's

Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request for the United States Department of Health and Human Services.” [Details.](#)

- **11:00am – Hearing: President’s Budget** – The House Budget Committee convenes a hearing titled, “The President’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.” [Details.](#)
- **12:00pm – Hearing: Labor Policies** – The House Education and Labor Committee convenes a hearing titled, “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Labor.” [Details.](#)

Thurs. (6/10)

- **8:30am – FDA Advisory Committee Meeting: COVID-19** – The Food and Drug Administration holds an Advisory Committee Meeting on data needed to support authorization of COVID-19 vaccines for use in pediatric populations. [Details.](#)
- **10:00am – Hearing: HHS Budget** – The Senate Finance Committee convenes a hearing titled, “The President’s FY 2022 HHS Budget.” [Details.](#)
- **10:00am – Hearing: HUD Budget** – The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies convenes a hearing titled, “A Review of the President’s FY 2022 Funding Request and Budget Justification for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).” [Details.](#)
- **10:00am – Hearing: FDA Budget** – The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies titled, “Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request for the Food and Drug Administration.” [Details.](#)
- **12:00pm – Hearing: Nutrition** – The House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services titled, “Ending Child Hunger: Priorities for Child Nutrition Reauthorization.” [Details.](#)

FEATURED WHG ANALYSIS

- ***NEW* WHG Chart Key Federal Public Option Bills in the 117th Congress; Side-by-Side Comparison** – In the Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)
- **WHG Overview of Recent Development on Federal Telehealth Policy** – In the Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)
- **WHG Chart of the Major Drug Pricing Proposals in the 117th Congress** – In the Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)
- **WHG Round of Key CMMI Developments** – In the Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)
- **WHG Catalogue of COVID-19 Government Response** – April Edition – In the Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)
- **Summary of Recent Federal Actions on Maternal Health & Gender Equity** – In the Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)

CONGRESSIONAL LOOKBACK

N/A

REGULATORY LOOKBACK

Fri. (6/4)

- **ACL [announced](#)** round two of the Alzheimer’s Disease Programs Initiative, which provides funding for eligible entities to develop and expand systems for dementia-capable home and community-based services. Applications are due by August 2. [Details.](#)
- **HRSA [announced](#)** two new grant opportunities related to maternal and child health. [Details.](#)

Thurs. (6/3)

- **FDA [issued](#)** draft guidance on oral drug products administered via enteral feeding tube. Comments are due August 2. [Details.](#)

Wed. (6/2)

- **CMS [announced](#)** it will begin accepting Notices of Intent to Apply (NOIAs) for the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP). NOIAs are due June 7. [Details](#).

COMMENT & APPLICATION DEADLINES

- **June 7:** CMS [released](#) its proposed rule for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) ([fact sheet](#)). [Details](#).
- **June 7:** CMS [released](#) the fiscal year (FY) 2022 inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) prospective payment system (PPS) proposed rule ([press release](#)). [Details](#).
- **June 7:** CMS released its [proposed rule](#) for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) ([fact sheet](#)). [Details](#).
- **June 7:** CMS released its FY 2022 Hospice Wage Index [proposed rule](#) ([fact sheet](#)). [Details](#).
- **June 7:** CMS [announced](#) it will begin accepting Notices of Intent to Apply (NOIAs) for the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP). [Details](#).
- **June 11:** CMS [issued](#) a notice of funding opportunity for its Minority Research Grant Program. [Details](#).
- **June 11:** CMS [announced](#) it is seeking nominations for the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE). [Details](#).
- **June 16:** The AHRQ [issued](#) an FOA for research projects that test promising digital healthcare interventions at the point of care. [Details](#).
- **June 18:** Payer application deadline for the [Primary Care First Model](#). [Details](#).
- **June 25:** The FTC [issued](#) a request for public feedback to inform their review of how to best update their approaches to analyzing the effects of pharmaceutical mergers. [Details](#).
- **June 26:** The FDA [issued](#) draft guidance on nonclinical testing of individualized antisense oligonucleotide (ASO) drug products for severely debilitating or life-threatening diseases. [Details](#).
- **June 28:** CMS released the FY 2022 IPPS and LTCH PPS [proposed rule](#). [Details](#).
- **June 30:** CMS [announced](#) its annual Call for Measures for the 2021 Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program. [Details](#).
- **July 4:** OMB [issued](#) an RFI seeking feedback on effective methods for determining whether federal agency policies equitably serve all eligible individuals and communities. [Details](#).
- **July 6:** HHS [announced](#) that \$14.2 million in funding available to expand access to pediatric mental health care. [Details](#).
- **July 8:** HRSA [announced](#) that it is accepting applications for the FY 2021 Regional Pediatric Pandemic Network (RPPN). [Details](#).
- **July 12:** CMS released an [interim final rule \(IFR\) with comment period](#) that revises infection control requirements related to COVID-19 for long-term and intermediate care facilities. [Details](#).
- **July 15:** HRSA [announced](#) that it is accepting applications for the FY 2022 Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Payment Program. [Details](#).
- **July 19:** The FDA [issued](#) draft guidance on feasibility and early feasibility clinical studies for medical devices intended to improve glycemic control in patients with Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM). [Details](#).
- **August 2:** FDA [issued](#) draft guidance on oral drug products administered via enteral feeding tube. Comments are due August 2. [Details](#).
- **September 17:** The CDC [announced](#) it is seeking nominations for individuals to serve as members of the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee. [Details](#).

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