

## Impact Health Policy Weekly

### Framing the Week

The House and Senate are both in session this week starting tomorrow. The House is scheduled to take up a handful of [bills](#) on suspension tomorrow before potentially bringing up two bills later in week: the FY 2025 National Defense Authorization Act and a resolution could come up recommending that the House of Representatives find United States Attorney General Merrick Garland in contempt of Congress for refusing to comply with a subpoena to turn over the recordings of President Biden's interview with Special Counsel Robert Hur. The NDAA bill will start in the Rules Committee on Tuesday where over 1,300 amendments will be sifted through, including some that will seek to limit service members access to abortion.

The Senate is scheduled to take up another women's reproductive health bill on Thursday, this week voting on legislation to preserve access to IVF treatments. This week's vote comes after Senate Republicans blocked passage last week of a bill to protect Americans' access to birth control.

On a Committee level the **House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health** will hold a [hearing](#) on Wednesday titled "Checking-In on CMMI: Assessing the Transition to Value-Based Care." The hearing will have a panel of one with CMMI Director Liz Fowler testifying. Republicans have been critical that CMMI has demonstrated few successful outcomes over the past 10 years. **The Senate Finance Committee** will hold a [hearing](#) on Wednesday focused on youth residential treatment facilities. Finally, the **Senate Judiciary Committee** will have a couple hearings on Wednesday. The full Committee will have a [hearing](#) focused on the vaping epidemic among youth, while the Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights will hold a [hearing](#) to examine abortion bans and interstate travel for care after *Dobbs*.

### Regulatory Update

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is currently reviewing the following rules:

#### Medicare

- **Calendar Year (CY) Payment Updates:** The CY 2025 revisions to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule [proposed rule](#), the CY 2025 Hospital Outpatient PPS Policy Changes and Payment Rates and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System Policy Changes and Payment Rates [proposed rule](#), the CY 2025 Changes to the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System and Quality Incentive Program [proposed rule](#) (June 2024), and the CY 2025 Home Health PPS Rate Update [proposed rule](#) (June 2024).

- **Medicare Shared Savings Program:** A [proposed rule](#) titled, “Mitigating the Impact of Anomalous Increases in Billing on Medicare Shared Savings Program Financial Calculations.” The proposal is likely intended to address [concerns](#) about fraudulent billing for catheters. It was not included in the latest Unified Agenda.

#### Medicaid

- **Drug Rebate Program** – The [final rule](#) would establish requirements related to manufacturers’ misclassification of covered outpatient drug products under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program (MDRP). In addition, it finalizes beneficiary protections, as well as MDRP program integrity and administration changes (June 2024).

#### Other Topics:

- **Healthcare System Resiliency and Modernization** – The [proposed rule](#) would revise and update national emergency preparedness requirements for Medicare- and Medicaid-participating providers and suppliers (was set for December 2023).
- **Health IT** – The [proposed rule](#) would advance interoperability through proposals for: standards adoption; public health IT certification; expanded uses of certified application programming interfaces (APIs), such as for electronic prior authorization, patient engagement, care management, and care coordination; and information sharing under the information blocking regulations (was set for November 2023).

#### This Week in Health Policy

##### Mon. (6/10)

- **9:00am – FDA Meeting: Alzheimer’s Disease Treatment** – The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) holds a meeting of the Peripheral and Central Nervous System Drugs Advisory Committee to discuss biologics license application 761248, for donanemab solution for intravenous infusion, submitted by Eli Lilly and Co., for the treatment of early symptomatic Alzheimer’s disease. [Details.](#)
- **1:00pm – SAMHSA Meeting: Interdepartmental Substance Use Disorders** – The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) holds a meeting of the Interdepartmental Substance Use Disorders Coordinating Committee to discuss the draft report of the ISUDCC’s recommendations on how the federal government can further integrate and coordinate harm reduction approaches and strategies across the continuum of prevention, treatment, and recovery policies, programs, and practices and presentations on the recently released Harm Reduction Framework, the Naloxone Saturation Academies, and SAMHSA’s Overdose Prevention and Response Toolkit. [Details.](#)

- **2:00pm – ACL Meeting: National Plan on Aging** – The Administration for Community Living (ACL) holds a webinar to provide an overview of the [Strategic Framework for a National Plan on Aging](#). [Details](#).

**Tue. (6/11)**

- **9:30am – BPC Summit: Housing Supply Solutions** – The Bipartisan Policy Center holds a summit to explore meaningful, bipartisan solutions to the acute shortage of affordable homes. [Details](#).

**Wed. (6/12)**

- **10:00am – Hearing: Workforce Innovation** – The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee holds a hearing to examine the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, focusing on supporting efforts to meet the needs of youth, workers, and employers. [Details](#).
- **10:00am – Hearing: Youth Residential Treatment Facilities** – The Senate Finance Committee holds a hearing to examine youth residential treatment facilities, focusing on failures and evaluating solutions. [Details](#).
- **10:00am – Hearing: Youth Vaping Epidemic** – The Senate Judiciary Committee holds a hearing to examine combatting the youth vaping epidemic by enhancing enforcement against illegal e-cigarettes. [Details](#).
- **1:00pm – U.S. News and World Report Discussion: Quality Reporting Dialogue for Best Hospitals Report** – U.S. News and World Report holds a discussion of its 11th annual Quality Reporting Dialogue on Best Hospitals. Members of the Best Hospitals project team will describe further planned modifications to the Best Hospitals methodologies. [Details](#).
- **2:00pm – Hearing: Abortion Bans and Interstate Travel** – The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights holds a hearing to examine abortion bans and interstate travel for care after *Dobbs*. [Details](#).

**Thurs. (6/13)**

- **9:30am – FDA Meeting: Drug Acts Financial Efficiency/Transparency** – The FDA holds a meeting on optimizing FDA's use of and processes for advisory committees. [Details](#).
- **9:30am – Brookings Discussion: Abortion Care Access** – The Brookings Institution holds a discussion on the need for abortion access to be considered a health issue, rather than a legislative one. [Details](#).
- **10:00am – HITAC Meeting: Health IT Advisory Committee** – The Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (HITAC) holds a meeting to discuss program updates, including recommendations to the National Coordinator on the topics of interoperability, privacy and security, patient access, and use of technologies that support public health. [Details](#).
- **10:00am – Hearing: CMMI Oversight** – The House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee holds a hearing with the Director for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid

Innovation (CMMI), Elizabeth Fowler, to discuss the state of CMMI and the challenges the agency is facing to achieve its intended mission of transitioning to value-based care, including whether Congress needs to step in to provide clearer direction or take other steps to ensure beneficiaries are best served. [Details.](#)

- **10:00am – Hearing: Medicare and Social Security Solvency** – The House Budget Committee holds a hearing to examine the solvency and impacts to the federal budget of Medicare and Social Security. Actuaries from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) will be testifying. [Details.](#)
- **10:00am – Hearing: GAO’s Report on Opportunities to Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication** – The House Oversight and Accountability Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce holds a hearing to examine the findings and recommendations of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) 2024 [Report](#) on Opportunities to Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication and Achieve Financial Benefits. [Details.](#)
- **12:00pm – HMA Discussion: Medicare Fee Schedule Reform** – Health Management Associates (HMA) holds a webinar to discuss policy and payment concerns regarding the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). Speakers will provide an overview of key structural issues within the PFS that should be considered and balanced when making policy changes to the payment system, highlight different stakeholder perspectives and offer recommendations within CMS authority. [Details.](#)
- **2:00pm – Washington Post Summit: Artificial Intelligence Future** – The Washington Post holds a discussion featuring influential policymakers and technology pioneers about the evolution and future of artificial intelligence (AI). Participants include the Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) and the Director of the White House Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, among others. [Details.](#)
- **5:30pm – Politico Discussion: Innovative Therapies** – Politico holds a discussion with lawmakers, Administration officials, and experts to discuss what policy solutions could expand access to innovative therapies and tech. Participants include Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA) and Susan Monarez, the Deputy Director for ARPA-H. [Details](#)

#### **Additional Multi-Day Events**

- **June 10-June 11 – HHS Meeting: Physician-Focused Payment Models** – The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) holds a meeting of the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee for deliberation and voting on proposals for physician-focused payment models submitted by individuals and stakeholder entities. Topics for discussion include care delivery needs of high-cost patients with complex chronic conditions or serious illnesses who account for the top five percent of Medicare spending, strategies for providing patient-centered care for this patient population, and opportunities for improving care delivery and health outcomes for this patient population, among others. [Details.](#)

- **June 13-June 14 – HHS Meeting: National Vaccine Program** – HHS holds a meeting of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) to discuss recent surges in measles cases, tuberculosis and breast cancer vaccines in development, and mpox vaccination activities. Speakers will also discuss progress and priorities for the upcoming Vaccines National Strategic Plan. [Details.](#)

### Featured Analysis

- **Impact Roundup of January Behavioral Health Actions** – In the Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)
- **Impact Chart of Key Provisions of Legislative Proposals on Health Care Price Transparency Requirements** – In the Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)
- **Impact Regulatory Outlook: Fall 2023 Unified Agenda** – In the Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)
- **Impact Mental Health Legislative Update** – In the Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)
- **Impact Artificial Intelligence Policy Round Up** – In the Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)

### Congressional Lookback

#### **Thurs. (6/6)**

- **The House and the Senate** took actions related to contraception and IVF. [Details.](#)

#### **Tues. (6/4)**

- **The House E&C Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations** convened a [hearing](#) on oversight of the 340B Drug Pricing Program. [Details.](#)

### Regulatory Lookback

#### **Fri. (6/7)**

- **HHS** released [compelling data](#) showcasing substantial advancements in health care coverage within minority communities. [Details.](#)

#### **Weds. (6/5)**

- **CMS** released [10 new states](#) that have met the requirements for participation in the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Medicaid Demonstration Program. [Details.](#)
- **CMS** released a new [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document regarding Medicaid and CHIP coverage of peer support services. [Details.](#)
- **FNS** [announced](#) funding and actions to strengthen Tribal food sovereignty, including \$2.3 million in funding for school meal programs. [Details.](#)

### Comment & Application Deadlines

- **June 10:** CMS released the FY 2025 IPPS and LTCH PPS proposed rule. [Details.](#)
- **June 10:** HUD released a [proposed rule](#) entitled, “Reducing Barriers to HUD-Assisted Housing.” [Details.](#)
- **June 10:** HHS ONC [released](#) its Health Equity By Design (HEBD) white paper discussion draft for public comment. [Details.](#)
- **June 15:** HRSA [announced](#) the availability of funding under the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant program. [Details.](#)
- **July 16:** CMMI announced the [Increasing Organ Transplant Access \(IOTA\) Model.](#) [Details.](#)
- **June 17:** CMMI [announced](#) ([model website](#)) a new voluntary model to test how prospective payments and increased funding for primary care in accountable care organizations (ACOs) impact health outcomes, quality, and costs of care. [Details.](#)
- **June 18:** FNS announced the [SNAP Process and Technology Improvement Grants \(PTIG\) Program.](#) [Details.](#)
- **June 21:** The CDC [announced](#) the 2024 Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Lark Galloway-Gilliam for Advancing Health Equity Award Challenge. Applications are due June 21. [Details.](#)
- **June 24:** FNS announced the [SNAP Fraud Framework Implementation Grant \(FFIG\).](#) [Details.](#)
- **July 31:** AHRQ issued an [RFI](#) on new strategies to advance interoperable, shareable, and reusable clinical decision support resources. [Details.](#)
- **September 30:** The CDC is [seeking nominations](#) for membership on the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC). [Details.](#)