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## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & PUBLIC POLICY

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### TRUMP TRANSITION

#### **Seema Verma Confirmation Continues in Senate Finance Committee**

Earlier today, the Senate Finance Committee tied 9-9 on a vote to confirm Seema Verma as Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) due to the absence of additional committee members on other Senate business. Her final nominating vote, which is expected to pass by the Committee, will occur today or tomorrow. Following, the full Senate must vote on her confirmation.

### MACRA HIGHLIGHTS

CMS has a number of short videos on their [YouTube channel](#) walking through certain aspects of the Quality Payment Program.

### UPCOMING HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES

#### **House Energy and Commerce Committee**

3/2 at 10:00am - Health Subcommittee hearing

## FEDERAL

### Non Compliant Health Plans Extended Through 2018

Last Thursday, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIO) published a [memo](#) indicating it would allow certain health insurance plans, also known as 'grandmothered' plans, that otherwise would not comply with all of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) regulations, to continue coverage through 2018 as long as state regulators allow them. This extension to allow non-compliant plans to remain has been extended since 2013 to allow those who wanted to keep their coverage to do so even if it did not comply with the minimum coverage requirements.

titled: [Examining FDA's Generic Drug and Biosimilar User Fee Programs.](#)

### WEEKLY FUN FACT

Who was the Capitol's first attending physician after the House passed a resolution directing the Secretary of the Navy to assign a medical officer to provide health care for Representatives. The answer can be found [here!](#)

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