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ADMINISTRATION

RFI on Insurance Across State Lines

On Wednesday, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a [request for information](#) (RFI) soliciting comment on how to eliminate regulatory, operational and financial barriers to issuers' ability to sell health insurance across state lines. This announcement builds on an October 2017 executive order from President Trump directing federal agencies to seek ways to expand alternatives to Affordable Care Act coverage. The [RFI](#) notes that the Health Care Choice Compacts program included in the Affordable Care Act allows this, but no plans have been approved thus far. Comments will be accepted for 60 days.

Nursing Home Updates Released

MACRA HIGHLIGHTS

Did you know there are new providers now subject to the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) for performance year 2019? Check out the details [here](#).

HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES ON THE HILL

Senate Finance Committee
3/14 at 10:15am: Full Committee [Hearing](#) on The President's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

On Tuesday, CMS [announced](#) updates coming to the Nursing Home Compare and the Five-Star Quality Rating System to strengthen this tool for consumers to compare quality between nursing homes. The new [guidance](#) is effective April 24, 2019.

House Energy & Commerce Committee

3/13 at 10:00am: Health Subcommittee [Hearing](#) on Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs: Reducing Barriers to Market Competition.

3/12 at 12:00pm: Health Subcommittee [Hearing](#) on the Fiscal Year 2020 HHS Budget.

WEEKLY TRIVIA

Who was the first female elected to Congress?

Click [here](#) to find the answer.

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