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CONGRESSIONAL

House Republicans Release ACA Repeal/Replace

Last night, the House [Ways & Means](#) and [Energy & Commerce](#) Committees released the American Health Care Act. Each Committee will mark-up the legislation tomorrow morning. House conservatives have already voiced concern over the bill being too similar to the Affordable Care Act and four Republican Senators have voiced concern over the lack of protection of Medicaid expansion. With not a lot of room to spare on obtaining enough votes for passage, there is still a long road ahead.

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 Ways & Means Committee

3/8 at 10:30 - Full Markup titled:
[Budget Reconciliation
Recommendations to Repeal and
Replace Obamacare.](#)

House E&C Hearing on FDA User Fees

The House Energy and Commerce Committee held a [hearing](#) last Thursday to examine the biosimilar and generic drug user fee programs. Both of these programs, plus the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA), will need to be reauthorized by Congress before they expire on September 30.

House Judiciary Committee Passes Competitive Health Insurance Bill

On Feb 28, the House Judiciary Committee unanimously passed [H.R. 372, the Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act of 2017](#). The bill would authorize the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department to enforce the federal antitrust laws against health insurance companies engaged in anti-competitive conduct.

House Energy & Commerce Committee

3/8 at 10:30 - Full Markup titled: [Committee Print, Budget Reconciliation Legislative Recommendations and H. Res. 154](#).

Senate Appropriations Committee

3/8 at 10:30am - Subcommittee hearing titled: [Saving Lives Through Medical Research](#).

WEEKLY FUN FACT

In what year did Senator James Murray convene his Committee on Education and Labor for the first hearing on comprehensive national health insurance, which targeted \$50 million to finance health insurance programs for low-income Americans and medical research and education grants to states? The answer can be found [here!](#)

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