

September 22, 2017

On the Horizon ...

- * The Senate Finance Committee will hold a hearing on the Graham-Cassidy ACA repeal Monday, September 25.
- * Leader McConnell has suggested the Senate will vote on Graham-Cassidy by the September 30 procedural deadline.

TAKE ACTION

1. [Speak Out](#) and let your Senators know you oppose the Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson proposal (GCHJ). GCHJ threatens quality coverage for millions and slashes federal health care funding.

U.S. CONGRESS

1. The AAFP sent a [letter](#) to Republican Sens. Lindsey Graham (SC), Bill Cassidy, MD (LA), Dean Heller (NV), and Ron Johnson (WI) September 20. The AAFP opposes their plan to increase costs, eliminate vital consumer protections and eliminate coverage for millions.
2. AAFP's Senior Vice President for Education, Dr. Clif Knight, [presented](#) at a Capitol Hill [forum](#) on the primary care workforce September 20. Dr. Knight's presentation highlighted the need for Congress to reauthorize funding for the Teaching Health Center GME program.

CENTERING ON THE STATES

1. Governors of ten states (CO, OH, AR, MT, PA, VA, LA, NV, MS, VT) wrote a [letter](#) to Senate leadership this week opposing GCHJ and urging bipartisan health reform efforts.
2. Governors of fifteen states (WI, AK, IN, IA, KS, KY, MN, MS, MO, NE, ND, OK, SD, TN, UT) wrote a [letter](#) to Senate Majority Leader McConnell in support of GCHJ.
3. California has passed [legislation](#) to become an immigration sanctuary state. The bill would limit state and local law enforcement communication with federal immigration authorities, and prevent officers from questioning and holding suspects for alleged immigration violations. Oregon is the only other immigration sanctuary state in the country.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

1. The AAFP joined a [letter](#) September 8 to CMS noting concerns about the potential impacts of PAMA on patient access to critical rapid clinical testing services offered to patients while they are receiving medical care in their physician's office.