



Compliance Corner

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Health Care Reform

Senate Republicans Introduce Their Version of ACA Replacement Bill

On June 22, 2017, the U.S. Senate introduced a bill to repeal and replace the ACA. The bill, called the Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA), is the Senate's response to the American Health Care Act (AHCA), which the House passed back in May. In introducing the BCRA, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he anticipated a vote on the BCRA before Congress's week-long Fourth of July recess. It now appears that the vote won't happen until after the break. Because the bill is a reconciliation bill, it requires only a majority of senators to approve in order to pass the Senate — although it's unclear whether there's enough Republican support in the Senate to achieve a majority

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Federal Health Updates

HHS Publishes HIPAA Checklist Related to Cyberattacks

HHS recently published a quick-response checklist on cyberattacks, which outlines the steps for a HIPAA-covered entity or its business associate (BA) to take in response to a cyber-related security incident.

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Announcements

Podcast Episode 11: The Senate's ACA Replacement Bill

This week Suzanne Spradley and Chase Cannon review the Senate Republicans' bill aimed at repealing and replacing the ACA. With a vote expected in the Senate within a week or two, things are moving quickly. Suzanne and Chase dive into some of the details of the bill, how it dismantles portions of the ACA, and how it varies from the House's ACA repeal and replace bill (the American Health Care Act, passed by the House in early May), all with an eye on how it could potentially impact employers and their benefit plan designs.

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NFP Benefits Compliance Portal Updated

The NFP Benefits Compliance Portal is a tool designed to help employer plan sponsors of group health plans comply with federal requirements such as COBRA, ERISA, FMLA, HIPAA

DOL Releases Mental Health Parity Guidance

On June 16, 2017, the DOL, HHS and the Treasury (“the Departments”) released “FAQs About Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Implementation and the 21st Century Cures Act Part 38.”

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and PPACA. The portal was recently updated to reflect several changes.

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