



Compliance Corner

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Health Care Reform

Republicans Announce Amendment to AHCA

On April 25, 2017, Republican leaders within the U.S. House of Representatives released a copy of what is being called the MacArthur Amendment. The proposal signals the Republicans' intention to move forward with a revised American Health Care Act (AHCA). The amendment, sponsored by Tom MacArthur (R-NJ), would keep certain ACA provisions in place such as the prohibition on pre-existing condition exclusion periods, the prohibition on gender discrimination in premium rating, no cost sharing for certain preventive care services and coverage for children to age 26.

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Federal Health Updates

HHS Settlement for \$2.5 Million Highlights HIPAA Compliance Requirements

On April 24, 2017, HHS issued a press release announcing a settlement with CardioNet for \$2.5 million based on the impermissible disclosure of unsecured electronic protected health information (ePHI). The announcement is significant because it is the first settlement involving a wireless health services provider, as CardioNet provides remote mobile monitoring of and rapid response to patients at risk for cardiac arrhythmias.

Announcements

Benefits Compliance Podcast Episode 7

This week Suzanne Spradley and Chase Cannon discuss the history and usage of HSAs, and how the Republican efforts to repeal and replace the ACA may impact that usage. They will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of HSAs, and possible expansion of HSA usability in a post-ACA world.

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May Webinar Series, Register Now

NFP Benefits Compliance is hosting a series of webinars in May. Training dates are May 10, May 17 and May 24, 2017, at 3:00 pm EDT, with the respective topics being: "What's Going On with Health Care Reform?," "Much Ado about Everything: Headlines and General Tips for the Retirement Plan Sponsor," and "ERISA: Why the 40-Year-Old Law is Still a Top Priority".

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FAQ

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