

# OCTOBER LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## WHAT'S UP IN WASHINGTON?

### Healthcare Reform & Changes

- Trump's executive order does not make any immediate changes.
- However, Trump announced that he would cease payments of cost-sharing subsidies to insurers on the ACA marketplace effective immediately. However, those out-of-pocket discounts to those with low income are required by law. Thus, the insurance companies will have to figure out how to recover the money they were promised through the cost-sharing subsidies. Most will respond by significantly increasing premiums, which could make insurance costlier to obtain for nearly 7.5 million people.
- Additionally, insurers could decide to drop out of the ACA marketplace entirely which could leave some areas of the country with no available insurers next year.
- A Senate bipartisan deal to stabilize the ACA markets and continue the insurer subsidies for 2 years now has 24 co-sponsors. It is believed the bill will pass the Senate by end-of-year, but may face an uphill battle in the House.

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

### S 204: Right to Try Act of 2017

Authorize the use of unapproved medical products by patients diagnosed with a terminal illness.

## LEGISLATION UPDATES

We will no longer be following HR 878 as it has stalled in the House. S 204 is the Senate version of HR 878 and has already passed through the Senate and currently in the House Energy & Commerce Committee. We will now be following S 204 as it has greater chance of passage.

## CURRENTLY FOLLOWING

### Federal Legislation:

**S 204: Right to Try Act of 2017**  
(Jen Guy)

**HR 1017/S 479: Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screenings Act of 2017**  
(Sarah Kincaid)

**HR 1298: CT Colonography Screening for Colorectal Cancer Act of 2017**  
(Amy Tootle)

**HR 1409: Cancer Drug Parity Act**  
(Greg Goodman)

**S 693/HR 1676: Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act**  
(Alana Wagner)

**S 463/ HR 1834: Cancer Care Payment Reform Act of 2017**  
(Liz Pearson)

## ONLY IN OHIO

### Mandatory Overtime Prohibition Bill

- Developed by the Ohio Nurses Association.
- Hospitals would be prohibited from requiring a nurse to stay beyond scheduled hours.
- Furthermore, if a nurse refuses a request to stay over scheduled hours, the hospital would be prohibited from reprimanding the nurse or turning the nurse in to the Ohio Board of Nursing for patient abandonment.
- There are a few exceptions to this written in the legislation including during state/city emergency situations and if a surge plan is in effect in the ED.
- During these situations, the restriction on mandatory overtime is suspended for a specific length of time.
- Representative Robert Sprague is the champion for this bill and will be introducing it soon, potentially in the next few days.
- ONA and Representative Sprague are optimistic that the legislation will pass quickly.

For full details and descriptions of legislation being followed, please visit the Legislation tab on the CCONS website at [columbus.vc.ons.org](http://columbus.vc.ons.org) or speak with the committee member following the bill.