

Health outlook: Congress in session, Senate committees to hold hearings on opioid-related legislation

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- **On Monday**, the DoD, Offices of the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness will hold a meeting of the Defense Health Board
- The Drug and Alcohol Screening Association will hold a news conference
- NAS's Committee on International Security and Arms Control will hold a meeting on "Enhancing Global Security Through Biosecurity and Engagement Programs," April 23-24
- The Institute for Defense and Government Advancement will hold its 2018 Conference on Military Healthcare, April 23-25

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- **On Tuesday**, the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee will hold a full committee hearing on "The State of Rural America"
- The Senate HELP Committee will hold a full committee markup of the "Opioid Crisis Response Act of 2018," the "Over-the-County Drug Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act," the "Children's Hospital GME (graduate medical education) Support Reauthorization Act," and the "Firefighter Cancer Registry Act"
- The Senate Appropriations Committee, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Subcommittee will hold a hearing on proposed budget estimates and justification for FY 2019 for the Food and Drug Administration
- The Congressional Hepatitis Caucus, the Hepatitis Appropriations Partnership, Hep B United and the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable will hold a briefing on "Using Harm Reduction Strategies to End the Opioid and Hepatitis B & C Epidemics"

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- **On Wednesday**, Roll Call will hold a discussion on "Patient-Focused Health: A Conversation on Access and Affordability"
- The CMS Office of Minority Health and the SAMHSA Office of Behavioral Health Equity will hold a "Forum on Opioids: Strategies and Solutions for Minority Communities"
- The National Academy of Medicine will hold a webinar on "Improving Care for High-Need Patients"
- The House Ways and Means Committee, Trade Subcommittee hearing on "The Opioid Crisis: Stopping the Flow of Synthetic Opioids in the International Mail System"

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- **On Thursday**, the House Ways and Means Committee, Health Subcommittee will hold a hearing on "Innovation in Health Care"
- The Senate Appropriations Committee, Defense Subcommittee will hold a hearing on proposed budget estimates and justification for FY2019 for the Defense Health Program
- NAS will hold a workshop on "A Systems Approach to Alleviating Work-induced Stress and Improving Health, Well-being, and Resilience of Health Professionals Within and Beyond Education," April 26-27

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- **On Friday**, the NAS workshop on systems approaches to alleviating work-induced stress will continue

**This schedule was updated on Monday, April 23, 2018. It is not exhaustive and is subject to change*

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