

Week ahead: Congress in session, events announced focusing on plans to lower prescription drug costs

Health outlook for the week of May 14, 2018

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- **On Monday**, HHS Secretary Alex Azar, CMS Administrator Seema Verma and FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb will hold a briefing on the president's plan to lower prescription drug costs
- The Institute for Defense and Government Advancement will begin its 2018 VA Healthcare Conference, May 14-16

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- **On Tuesday**, the Alliance for Health Policy will hold a media briefing on "Perspectives on the 2018 HHS Drug Pricing Guidance"
- Washington Post Live will hold a discussion on "America's Health Future," focusing on how challenges posed by chronic diseases, access to health insurance and the future of Medicaid will affect the health of all Americans
- The Senate HELP Committee will hold a full committee hearing on "Examining Oversight Reports on the 340B Drug Pricing Program"

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- **On Wednesday**, the House Appropriations Committee will hold a full committee markup of the FY2019 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill
- The Senate Appropriations Committee, Homeland Security Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the role of the Homeland Security Department in stopping the flow of opioids, methamphetamines and other dangerous drugs
- The Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History will hold a media preview of the exhibition "Outbreak: Epidemics in a Connected World," about the ecology of epidemics

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- **On Thursday**, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will hold a full committee hearing on "A Sustainable Solution to the Evolving Opioid Crisis: Revitalizing the Office of National Drug Control Policy"
- The House Veterans' Affairs Committee, Health Subcommittee will hold a hearing on "VA Research: Focusing on Funding, Findings, and Partnerships"
- The Senate Appropriations Committee, Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the proposed budget estimates and justification for FY2019 for the NIH
- National Journal will hold a webinar, beginning at 11 a.m., on "Understanding the Opioid Epidemic: A look at its origins, key players and potential responses"

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- **On Friday**, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) will hold a "Moms Summit: Addressing the Needs of America's Families," in celebration of Mother's Day

**This schedule was updated on Monday, May 14, 2018. It is not exhaustive and is subject to change*

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