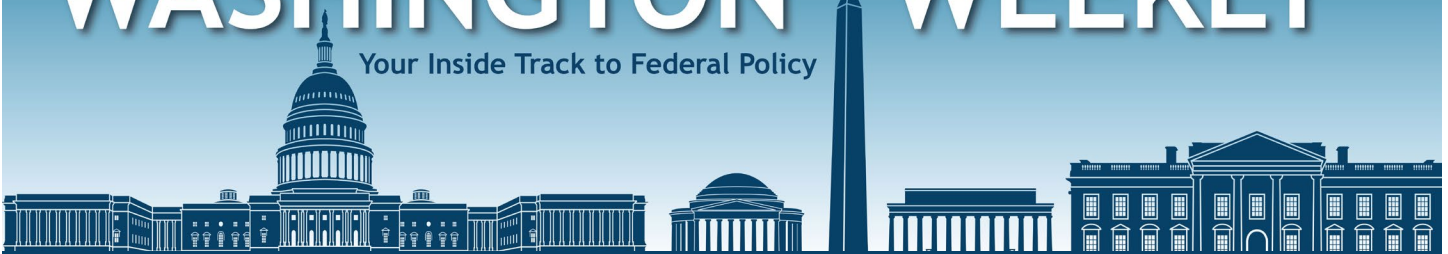


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AACN Joins Nursing Efforts to Urge President Trump, Congress to Make Healthcare Access a Top Reform Priority

On February 14, AACN joined other national nursing organizations urging the Trump Administration and Congress to make access to high-quality, affordable health care a top priority. These 40 leading nursing organizations share a commitment to advancing patient-centered health care that ensures patients have access to a provider of their choice. [Click here](#) to read the full press release.



New Funding Available through AACN and NIDA for Evidence-Based Practice Projects on Substance Use Disorder Treatment

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) *Blending Initiative: Moving Science from Research to Practice* will award up to \$10,000 for a project grant from a graduate student (Master's, Doctoral, or Post-Doctoral) from an accredited program at an AACN member school. This grant is intended to support projects that contribute to a student's knowledge of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and advance research, dissemination, and adoption of evidence-based SUD treatment. **Proposals are due February 24.** Awards will be announced on March, 10. For more information, [click here](#).



AACN Sends Letter to HHS Secretary Price

On February 10, Representative Thomas E. Price, MD was confirmed as U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services with a vote of 52-47. On his first day in office, AACN sent a [letter](#) to Secretary Price expressing our interest in working with his Department to ensure continued access to safe, high-quality, and effective care remains at the foundation of our healthcare system.



Senate Finance Committee to Hold Hearing for CMS Administrator Nominee

The U.S. Senate Committee on Finance will hold a [confirmation hearing](#) on February 16 at 10:00am ET for [Seema Verma](#), the President's nominee for Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Ms. Verma is CEO and President of SVC, Inc., a national health policy consulting firm, and she has previously collaborated on Medicaid reform models with Vice President Mike Pence. Watch the hearing [here](#).



2017 NINR Summer Genetics Institute Application Deadline Approaching

The 2017 National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) Summer Genetics Institute (SGI) will be held from June 5–30 on the National Institutes of Health Campus in Bethesda, MD. The SGI is an intensive research training program that provides participants with a foundation in molecular genetics appropriate for use in research and clinical practice. **The deadline to apply for the SGI is March 1.** For more information, visit www.ninr.nih.gov/sgi or send an email to ninrsgi@mail.nih.gov.