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DEAR CREDIBLE,

In our October newsletter, you'll find news and information of interest to behavioral health clinicians. You can find a copy of this newsletter – along with our payer and billing newsletters, health care industry news, and product release notes – in Credible Help under General Information > Release Notes and Communications.

October Awareness

October is...

- ADHD Awareness Month
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- LGBT History Month
- National Bullying Prevention Month

- National Hispanic Heritage Month

October is also...

- October 1–5 - [National Primary Week](#)
- October 7–3 - [Mental Illness Awareness Week](#)
- October 15–19 - [National Health Education Week](#)
- October 21–27 - [National Healthcare Quality Week](#)
- October 11 - [National Depression Screening Day](#)
- October 21 - [National Check Your Meds Day](#)



APA Applauds Passage of Opioid Legislation; Calls on Senate to Pass Legislation

On October 3rd, the Senate passed H.R. 6, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, which authorizes a broad range of opioid treatment and prevention programs, including many for which the APA has advocated. The bill does not include The Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety (OPPS) Act, H.R. 6082, which recently passed the House of Representatives by a bi-partisan vote of 357-57.

"Opioid use disorder has taken a heavy toll on the health and well-being of Americans," said APA President Altha Stewart, M.D. "The APA is grateful to see bipartisan support for increased access to treatment for substance use disorders, including expanded access to residential treatment and medication assisted treatment. We are also pleased to see provisions in H.R. 6 to deter opioid abuse. Together, these efforts take many important steps toward combatting the opioid crisis across the country. However, we are disappointed that the final bill did not include critical reforms to align 42 CFR Part 2 with HIPAA, which could improve care coordination and patient safety for the treatment of substance use disorders while preserving patient privacy. This much-needed legislation passed the House earlier this year with overwhelming bipartisan support. We urge the Senate to hold a separate vote on the OPPS Act to ensure that these enhance patient safety, care coordination, and consumer protections become law."

Source: [APA News Release](#)

The full act can be found here: [H.R.6 - SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act 115th Congress \(2017-2018\)](#)

Quality Payment

PROGRAM CMS Admits Errors in MIPS Payment Calculations

In addition to those whose scores were directly impacted, some clinicians will see small changes in their payment adjustment after budgeting.

WHAT HAPPENED: CMS has announced the agency made mistakes related an undisclosed number of providers when processing their quality scores in the first year of participation for the merit-based incentive payment system, or MIPS.

THE EXPECTED IMPACT: The errors made means that those providers were paid incorrectly under the MIPS program. Fixing the mistakes meant changes to the 2017 MIPS final score and associated 2019 MIPS payment adjustment for the clinicians impacted by the issues. Also, some

clinicians will see small changes in their payment adjustment as a result of the reapplication of budget neutrality.

Sources: [Healthcare Finance](#) and QPP Update: [CMS Updates 2017 MIPS Performance Feedback](#)

HealthIT Security

MGH Study Finds Major Increase in US Healthcare Data Breaches

Since 2010, the total number of healthcare data breaches has increased steadily every year – except in 2015 – from 199 in 2010 to 344 in 2017, according to an [analysis](#) of US health care data conducted by two Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) physicians.

While 70 percent of all breaches took place at health care providers, breaches involving health plans accounted for 63 percent of all breached records. In fact, health plans accounted for the greatest number of patients records breached over the study period.

Their analysis covered 2,149 reported breaches involving 176.4 million patient records, with the number of breaches increasing from 500 to almost 79 million patient records. Their report examined data breaches during a period when EHRs were widely adopted.



[Security](#) and [Massachusetts General Hospital General News](#)

HHS Awards Over \$1 Billion to Combat the Opioid Crisis

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded over \$1 billion in opioid-specific grants to help combat the crisis ravaging our country. The awards supports [HHS's Five-Point Opioid Strategy](#), which was launched last year and enhanced this week. New data unveiled recently by HHS suggests that efforts are now yielding progress at the national level.

"Addressing the opioid crisis with all the resources possible and the best science we have is a top priority for President Trump and for everyone at HHS," said Secretary Alex Azar. "The more than \$1 billion in additional funding that we provided this week will build on progress we have seen in tackling this epidemic through empowering communities and families on the frontlines."

SAMHSA awarded more than \$930 million in [State Opioid Response grants](#) to support a comprehensive response to the opioid epidemic and expand access to treatment and recovery support services.

The grant aims to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to medication-assisted treatment using the three Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose-related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment, and recovery activities for opioid use disorder.

Sources: [HHS.gov News](#) and [SAMHSA Grant Announcements](#)



Tobacco Cessation Toolkit for Substance Use Disorder

Treatment Programs

SAMSHA released a toolkit containing information on tobacco cessation for providers and clients for use in substance use disorder treatment settings. This toolkit is composed of three

pieces: *Implementing Tobacco Cessation Programs in Substance Use Disorder Treatment* (a guide for Program Directors and Clinicians); *Quitting Tobacco – Help Your Life (for providers)*; and *You Can Quit Tobacco – Benefits and Tips for clients*.



[Publications](#)

FDA Approves Higher Dosage of Buprenorphine/Naloxone

Sublingual Film

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Friday announced its approval of Cassipa, a sublingual buprenorphine/naloxone film, for the maintenance treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD). Cassipa, manufactured by Teva Pharmaceuticals, provides 16 milligrams of buprenorphine and 4 milligrams of naloxone per film, which is a higher dose than currently available with brand-name or generic buprenorphine/naloxone sublingual formulations.

To read more about treating patients with substance use disorder, see the *Psychiatric News* article "[Collaborative Care May Improve Outcomes in Patients With Substance Use Disorder](#)"

As Related to Credible

NADEA Number: Users with the **Security Matrix: ManageDeaNumbers** right can add State, DEA, and NADEA numbers for SPI prescribers via the prescriber's navbar > Provider Profile. One must have a NADEA number to prescribe medications used for drug addiction treatment, such as buprenorphine/naloxone.

HIPAA: Credible gives you access to HIPAA Logs at the Employee, Client, Visit, and Administrative levels to monitor activity in your Domain.

Thank you for your continued Partnership,

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