



## Summary of Health Care Related Provisions in February 5<sup>th</sup> Continuing Resolution

Late Monday night (February 5, 2018), the House of Representatives released a [continuing resolution](#) to keep the government funded and running until March 23, 2018. This CR includes many health care related provisions, specifically many of the health care “minibus” riders. The following chart summarizes major health care provisions in this CR specific to the health care minibus. Note the entire CHRONIC Care Act is included in this CR. (Other health care related provisions are included in the CR, but may not be detailed in this chart.)

**Table 1. Major Health Care Related Provisions in the CR**

Section Number	Provision	Details
2101	Medicare Dependent Hospital (MDH) Program	Two year extension of the MDH program, until October 1, 2019
2102	Increased Inpatient Hospital Payment Adjustment for Certain Low-Volume Hospitals	Two year extension of the increased inpatient hospital payment adjustment for certain low-volume hospitals, until October 1, 2019
2104	Home Health Rural Add-on	Five year extension of the home health rural add-on, until October 1, 2022
2111	Ground Ambulance Add-on	Five year extension of the 2-percent urban, 3-percent rural, and 22.6-percent super rural ground ambulance add-on, until October 1, 2022
2112	Geographic Practice Cost Indices (GPCI)	Two year extension of the Geographic Practice Cost Indices (GPCI), until January 1, 2020
2113	Medicare Therapy Caps	Permanently repeals the Medicare therapy cap beginning January 1, 2018. Also, continues to require a modifier be included on claims over the current exception threshold, and lowers the threshold for the targeted manual medical review process from \$3,700 to \$3,000.
2121	Special Needs Plans (SNPs)	Permanently reauthorizes SNPs
2122	Medicare outreach and assistance programs	Two year extension of outreach, counseling, and information assistance programs to Medicare beneficiaries, until September 30, 2019 (typically funding for AAAs, ADRCs, and SHIPs)
2301	Independence at Home Medical Practice Demonstration Program (IAH)	Two year extension of the Independence at Home Medical Practice Demonstration Program (IAH)
2411	Rental cap on DME with respect to speech generating devices	Permanently removes the rental cap for durable medical equipment under Medicare with respect to speech generating devices

2501	Community Health Center Fund	Two extension of the community health center funding at \$3.6 billion each year for FY 2018 and FY 2019
2501	Teaching Health Centers	Two year extension of the teaching health center program at \$126.5 million each year for FY 2018 and FY 2019
2501	National Health Service Corps	Two year extension of the National Health Service Corps at \$310 million each year for FY 2018 and FY 2019
2502	Special Diabetes Program	Two year extension of the special diabetes program and the special diabetes for Indians program (each program will receive \$150 million each year)
2503	Family-to-Family Health Information Centers	Two year extension of the family-to-family health information centers (\$6 million each year)
2504	Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program	Two year extension of the sexual risk avoidance education program (\$75 million each year)
2505	Personal Responsibility Education Program	Two year extension of the person responsibility education program (\$75 million each year)
2701	Payment reduction for early discharges to hospice care	Beginning October 1, 2023 hospitals would be paid less when the hospital transfers a patient to hospice, if that patient had a short length of stay in the hospital
2710	Third Party Liability in Medicaid and CHIP	Requires that if Medicaid enrollees have another source of health care coverage, that source pays, to the extent of its liability, before Medicaid does. Delays the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 changes to Medicaid third party liability. Requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to study and report on the impact of changes made to third-party liability payments with respect to access to prenatal and preventive pediatric care.
2711	Lottery winners	Requires a state Medicaid program to count lottery winnings of \$80,000 or higher when determining An individual's eligibility for Medicaid
2712	Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments	Delays Medicaid DSH cuts 2 years (for FY 2018 and FY 2019), but adds a \$6 billion in additional DSH reductions over FY 2021- FY 2023
2715	Prevention and Public Health Fund	Reduces the prevention and public health fund

Of note, two key health center extenders are **not** included in the CR package – the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) and the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program.