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What’s ahead this fall?

• Fiscal year end, debt ceiling
• Comprehensive mental health reform
• Excellence Act implementation
2016 Appropriations

• Fiscal year ends Sept. 30, 2015
• Sequestration remains in place
• Different versions approved by House and Senate Appropriations Committees
  – Both defund the Affordable Care Act
  – House version eliminates CMMI, AHRQ
  – Senate version makes smaller cuts across more HHS agencies
• Complicated by debt ceiling, Planned Parenthood
• Budget reconciliation…?
Over 30 bills introduced so far in the 114th Congress.
Let’s look closer at a few...

- **Rep. Tim Murphy bill**
  - Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act (H.R. 2646)

- **Sens. Murphy/Cassidy bill**
  - Mental Health Reform Act (S. 1945)

- **HELP Committee bill** (Murray-Alexander)
  - Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act (S. 1893)

- **Cornyn bill**
  - Mental Health and Safe Communities Act (S. 2002)
Questions?

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