

Washington Update



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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...?



Mental Health and Substance Use Legislation in the 114th Congress

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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