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MEMORANDUM

June 26, 2018

To: Subcommittee on Health Democratic Members and Staff

Fr: Committee on Energy and Commerce Democratic Staff

Re: Subcommittee Markup of H.R. __, Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2018, H.R. 959, H.R. 1676, H.R. 3728, and H.R. 5385

On **Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in room 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on Health will hold a markup of five bills: H.R. __, Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2018; H.R. 959, Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017; H.R. 1676, Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act; H.R. 3728, Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency Readiness (EMPOWER) Act of 2017; and H.R. 5385, Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2018.

I. H.R. __, PANDEMIC AND ALL-HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018

H.R. __, the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2018 authored by Reps. Brooks (R-IN) and Eshoo (D-CA) would make changes to a number of programs related to public health and medical emergency preparedness and response activities. A hearing was held on this legislation on June 6, 2018. Please refer to the [hearing memo](https://democrats-energycommerce.house.gov/sites/democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/files/documents/Dem-Memo-HE-Hrg-on-Examining-the-Reauthorization-of-the-Pandemic-and-All-Hazards-Preparedness-Act-2018-06-06.pdf) for more information.¹

¹ House Committee on Energy and Commerce, *Examining the Reauthorization of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act*, 115th Cong. (June 6, 2018) (<https://democrats-energycommerce.house.gov/sites/democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/files/documents/Dem-Memo-HE-Hrg-on-Examining-the-Reauthorization-of-the-Pandemic-and-All-Hazards-Preparedness-Act-2018-06-06.pdf>).

II. H.R. 959, TITLE VIII NURSING WORKFORCE REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2017

H.R. 959, the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017 introduced by Reps. Joyce (R-OH) and Matsui (D-CA) would reauthorize those Title VIII programs that received funding through the FY 2017 Appropriations process. A hearing was held on this legislation on September 14, 2017. Please refer to the [hearing memo](#) for more information.²

III. H.R. 1676, PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACT

H.R. 1676, the Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act introduced by Reps. Engel (D-NY), Reed (R-NY), and Carter (R-GA) would improve education, healthcare professional training, and research into palliative care and hospice care through grant programs that create Palliative Care and Hospice Education Centers and would also support projects to fund training of physicians who plan to teach palliative medicine. A hearing was held on a version of this legislation on September 8, 2016. Please refer to the [hearing memo](#) for more information.³

IV. H.R. 3728, EDUCATING MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND OPTIMIZING WORKFORCE EFFICIENCY READINESS (EMPOWER) ACT OF 2017

H.R. 3728, the Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency and Readiness (EMPOWER) Act of 2017 introduced by Reps. Burgess (R-TX), Schakowsky (D-IL), and Bucshon (R-IN) would reauthorize those Title VII programs that received funding through the FY 2017 Appropriations process and make changes to the Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program and Geriatric Academic Career Awards Program. A hearing was held on this legislation on September 14, 2017. Please refer to the [hearing memo](#) for more information.⁴

² House Committee on Energy and Commerce, *Supporting Tomorrow's Health Providers: Examining Workforce Programs Under the Public Health Service Act*, 115th Cong. (Sept. 14, 2017) (<https://democrats-energycommerce.house.gov/sites/democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/files/documents/Dem-Memo-HE-Hrg-on-Supporting-Tomorrow%E2%80%99s-Health-Providers-Examining-Workforce-Programs-2017-09-14.pdf>).

³ House Committee on Energy and Commerce, *Examining Legislation to Improve Public Health*, 114th Cong. (Sept. 8, 2016) (<https://democrats-energycommerce.house.gov/sites/democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/files/Dem-Memo-HE-LegHrg-PubHealthBills-090816.pdf>).

⁴ House Committee on Energy and Commerce, *Supporting Tomorrow's Health Providers: Examining Workforce Programs Under the Public Health Service Act*, 115th Cong. (Sept. 14, 2017) (<https://democrats-energycommerce.house.gov/sites/democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/files/documents/Dem-Memo-HE-Hrg-on-Supporting-Tomorrow%E2%80%99s-Health-Providers-Examining-Workforce-Programs-2017-09-14.pdf>).

V. H.R. 5385, CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL GME SUPPORT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018

H.R. 5385, the Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2018 introduced by Reps. Gene Green (D-TX) and Burgess (R-TX) would reauthorize the Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) program for fiscal years 2019 through 2023 at \$330 million each year. The CHGME program provides financial support to eligible freestanding children’s hospitals for the training of medical residents and fellows. A hearing was held on this legislation on May 23, 2018. Please refer to the [hearing memo](#) for more information.⁵

⁵ House Committee on Energy and Commerce, *Reauthorization of the Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education Program*, 115th Cong. (May 23, 2018) (<https://democrats-energycommerce.house.gov/sites/democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/files/documents/Dem-Memo-HE-Hrg-on-Reauthorization-of-the-Children%E2%80%99s-Hospital-Graduate-Medical-Education-Program-2018-05-23.pdf>).