



Old Capitol (Tallahassee, Fla.)

AACU News

AACU and UrologyTimes.com: [Congressional Retirements Make Waves](#)

As the 2018 midterms approach, a growing list of senators and representatives have announced their intentions not to run for re-election. Altogether, the number of U.S. lawmakers vacating their seats in 2018 has reached 51. While some of these individuals will be seeking a new office, a surprising number have opted to retire from public office outright.



[Anthem Rescinds Same-Day Service Cut](#)

Due to overwhelming opposition from organized medicine, Anthem recently announced it will not proceed with its policy to reduce payments for E&M services reported with CPT modifier 25.

[Score one for doctors as Anthem rescinds policy to reduce payment for same-day services; Anthem cancels 25% cuts on some same-day services: 3 things to know](#)

[Hospital, physician advocacy groups press Anthem for further changes to controversial policies](#)

National News of Note

[CMS to review Stark Law in connection with payment reform](#)

[CMS seeks physician participants for study on quality reporting burdens; CMS study to shed light on MIPS burden](#)

[Democrats march toward single-payer health care](#)

[Payment Reform Seen in Medicaid's Future; Tens of Thousands of Medicaid Recipients Skip Paying New Premiums](#)

[Network directory errors remain an issue, AMA report finds](#)

[New rule could limit cancer patients' access to genetic testing](#)

[Cuts to discounted drug program threaten some hospital services](#)

[Good Samaritan bill one step closer to law](#)

[Independent physicians say they're getting squeezed out of business](#)

[HHS head attests, 'I'm a Big Supporter of Telehealth'](#)

[Opinion: How can we remedy the shortage of health providers?](#)

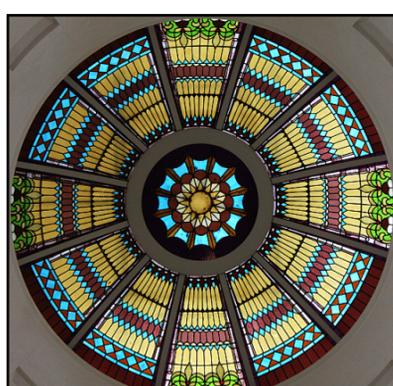
[Senate Democrats demand answers from Aetna CEO on insurer's claims review process](#)

[CVS, Aetna say their merger won't be anticompetitive, but some consumer advocates are skeptical; CVS, Aetna unscathed through congressional hearing](#)



State Round-Up

[Bipartisan group of governors unveil new health reform proposal; Governors push for ACA stabilization, more Medicaid innovation with healthcare reform blueprint; 20 states suing to invalidate ACA](#)



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[State wants to ban competency testing for physicians over certain age](#)

[CA: Eureka hospital grant to build a residency program; CA: LA County offers to help doctors pay off medical school debt](#)

[GA: Doctor pay gap persists in Medicaid](#)

[HI: Universal health care topic of presentation](#)

[IA: Senate passes bill requiring state approval for hospital conversions](#)

[ID: Lawmakers spike governor's healthcare plan](#)

[IL: Convert hospitals into ERs? Proposal would make it easier](#)

[KY: Medicaid to penalize patients for 'unneeded' ED visits; KY: Sweeping changes to liability system would bring benefits](#)

[MA: In massive restructuring, 800,000 MassHealth members moved to new plans](#)

[MD: Health care costs lower than other states, analysis finds](#)

[MO: Bill would forbid pharmacist 'gag orders'; MO: Medical liability statute of limitations legislation](#)

[NV: Residency program repurposes Elko Clinic to improve rural health care](#)

[OR: Universal health care measure dies in Senate; OR: House passes bill requiring reasons for drug price](#)

[TX: Rep. Castro decries proposed NIH funding cuts](#)

[UT: Bill advances that would prohibit certain doctor competency tests](#)

[WI: Gov. signs bill aimed at stabilizing ObamaCare market](#)