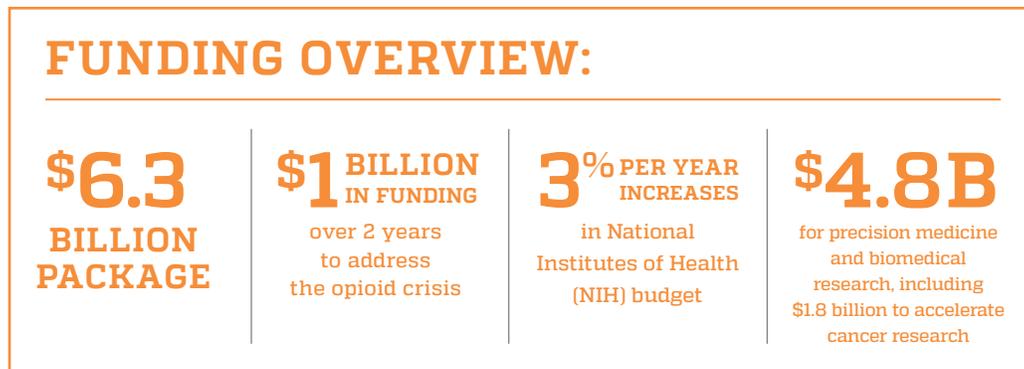

ADVISORY: Impact of 21st Century Cures Act on Hospitals and Health Systems

The 21st Century Cures Act (H.R. 6), signed into law on December 13, 2016, by President Barack Obama, includes resources to fight the opioid epidemic, mental health crises and cancer as well as changes intended to speed the regulatory approval process for new drugs and medical devices. The new legislation was 3 years in the making with input from 1,400 lobbyists representing 400 companies. Weighing in at 90 pages longer than the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the law is not without controversy for the potential impact to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval process and patient safety.

Here is a Snapshot of the Key Components of the New Law:



FDA:

- Speeds process and eases requirements for approval of new drugs and medical devices
- Encourages the use of shorter or smaller clinical trials
- Allows for “evidence from clinical experience” to garner additional indications
- No provision addressing drug pricing or hyperinflation

Opponents of the bill expressed concern that streamlining drug and medical device approvals may unleash unsafe drugs on the public that could harm patients. **CPS teams can provide the clinical evidence-based evaluation and expertise to mitigate some of the risk that these new drugs may create for hospitals and their patients.**

Mental Health:

- Bolsters mental health parity for coordinated mental and physical healthcare
- Pushes states to provide early intervention for psychoses
- Requires at least 10% of states' mental health block grants go toward early intervention
- Reauthorizes funding for community mental health resources, suicide prevention and intervention programs
- Creates a new Health and Human Services (HHS) position of Assistant Secretary for Mental Health

Experienced CPS teams can help navigate the administrative and clinical impact these changes will have on behavioral hospital pharmacies as more responsibility is placed on healthcare entities for intervention, diagnosis and treatment of mental health issues. ***CPS has been helping behavioral and other specialized facilities for over 40 years.***

Health IT:

- Drives for greater interoperability
- Reduces health data information blocking
- Leverages the capabilities of health information exchanges

With a greater focus placed on IT, hospitals and health system pharmacies may require upgrades to pharmacy analytics in order to manage and communicate data more appropriately. ***CPS has the technology and expertise to support the enhancement of leading edge data from pharmacy administration to patient health information, and to do so within HIPAA guidelines.***

In this shifting landscape, the pharmacist's role will become even more critical in evaluating the benefits and risks of new drug approvals and how those new drugs are used in hospitals and health systems. Hospitals will be under additional pressure to provide enhanced mental health interventions and deeper insights for health information. Comprehensive Pharmacy Services teams of pharmacy experts and technologies are available to support your organization, driving patient safety and improving the overall performance of the pharmacy in your healthcare facility.

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