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RECALLS

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- **FDA Drug Recalls**

06/17/2017	Bristol-Myers Squibb	Eliquis (apixaban) 5 mg Tablets	Tablet Mix-Up	Bristol-Myers Squibb
06/16/2017	Alvogen	Clindamycin Injection USP	Lack of sterility assurance	Alvogen
06/15/2017	Hospira	8.4% Sodium Bicarbonate Injection, USP, Neut™ (Sodium Bicarbonate 4% additive solution), QUELICIN™ (Succinylcholine Chloride Injection, USP) and Potassium Phosphates Injection, USP	Lack of Sterility Assurance	Hospira Inc, A Pfizer Company
06/15/2017	Advanced Pharma	Nitroglycerin products	Due to sub-potency	Advanced Pharma, Inc. d/b/a Avella of Houston
06/15/2017	Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc	Paliperidone Extended-Release Tablets, 3mg	Potential for product to be below specification	Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc
06/10/2017	Bristol-Myers Squibb	Eliquis (apixaban) 5 mg Tablets	Tablet Mix-Up	Bristol-Myers Squibb
06/09/2017	Tetracycline-ABC, Tetrastem, Diabecline and more	topical products	Concerns of Manufacturing Practices	Phillips Company
05/25/2017	Caverflo	Natural Herbal Coffee	Undeclared Sildenafil and Tadalafil, Undeclared Milk	Caverflo.com
05/25/2017	Lupin	Mibelas 24 Fe (Norethindrone Acetate and Ethinyl Estradiol 1 mg/0.02 mg chewable and ferrous fumarate 75 mg)	Out of Sequence Tablets and Missing Expiry/Lot information	Lupin Pharmaceuticals Inc.
05/25/2017	Astrazeneca	professional (physician) sample BRILINTA (ticagrelor) 90mg tablets	Product container contained another medicine called ZURAMPIC	Astrazeneca

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 - <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/drugshortages/default.cfm>

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- **Drug Rebates Could Increase Out-of-Pocket Costs For Medicare Patients**
 - <http://www.managedhealthcareconnect.com/content/drug-rebates-reward-industry-players-and-often-hurt-patients>
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 - <http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/drug-topics/news/cancer-drug-spending-soars?GUID=EC22DC7A-8C9E-4231-BAFB-C4E25C30003B&rememberme=1&ts=07062017>
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- **Vaccines for International Travel**
 - https://www.ok.gov/health/Disease,_Prevention,_Preparedness/Immunizations/Vaccines_for_International_Travel/
- **Extended Use Dates Provided by Pfizer to Assist with Emergency Syringe Shortages**
 - <https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugShortages/ucm563360.htm>

INSURANCE

- **County by County Analysis of Current Projected Insurer Participation in Health Insurance Exchanges**

Data as of January 31, 2017.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a [county-level map](#) of 2018 projected Health Insurance Exchanges participation based on the known issuer participation public announcements through June 9, 2017. This map shows that insurance options on the Exchanges continue to disappear. Plan options are down from last year and, in some areas, Americans will have no coverage options on the Exchanges, based on the current data.

“This is yet another failing report card for the Exchanges. The American people have fewer insurance choices and in some counties no choice at all. CMS is working with state departments of insurance and issuers to find ways to provide relief and help restore access to healthcare plans, but our actions are by no means a long-term solution to the problems we’re seeing with the Insurance Exchanges,” said CMS Administrator Seema Verma.

The CMS map displays point in time data and is expected to fluctuate as issuers continue to make announcements on exiting or entering specific states and counties. It currently shows that nationwide 47 counties are projected to have no insurers, meaning that Americans in these counties could be without coverage on the Exchanges for 2018. It’s also projected that as many as 1,200 counties - nearly 40% of counties nationwide – could have only one issuer in 2018. Currently, for 2018 at least 35,000 active Exchange participants live in the counties projected to be without coverage in 2018, and roughly 2.4 million Exchange participants are projected to have one issuer.^[1] It’s expected that the number of consumers with no coverage choices will rise.

CMS continues to work with state departments of insurance and issuers to address bare counties, exploring all options available under current law to provide Americans with access to coverage.

Qualified Health Plan submissions for the Federally-facilitated Exchanges will be accepted by states and CMS through June 21, 2017.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is committed to doing everything permitted under current law to provide patients with immediate relief from damage the Exchanges has done to the individual and small group health insurance markets. HHS actions are intended to stabilize the markets, increase choices, and lower costs. You can learn more by visiting [hhs.gov/relief](#).

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