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Good morning Ms Cathy Thompson

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Leading The News

House Subcommittee Members Push For Insurers To Do More To Ensure Mental Health Parity.

[The Hill](#) (9/9, Disipio) reported that on Sept. 9, "members of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health pushed for insurers to do more to ensure parity so that those with mental health or substance abuse issues don't face tougher obstacles to receiving care as those with other medical conditions." According to The Hill, "Since the passage of the Mental Health Parity Act of 1996, Congress has pressed to improve upon making mental health and substance use treatment as accessible as other treatments." Meanwhile, lawmakers in the Senate "are still struggling to reach a deal" on mental healthcare reform legislation.

In an editorial, the [Denver Post](#) (9/10) urged passage of the Helping Families In Mental Health Crisis Act, legislation sponsored by Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA). The measure has stalled in the Senate.

Psychiatric News Alert



[Electronic Health Records Help Predict Suicidal Behavior](#)

[ADHD Symptoms From Childhood May Lead to Greater Challenges for Adults](#)

Actively Involved in Research on Schizophrenia?

The APA Foundation is seeking nominations for the Alexander Gralnick, M.D., Award for Research in Schizophrenia to be presented at the IPS: Mental Health Services Conference in October 2017. The award acknowledges research achievements in the treatment of schizophrenia, emphasizing early diagnosis and treatment and psychosocial aspects of the disease process. The deadline is September 15. [More information.](#)



Psychiatric Treatment/Disorders

Depression Rates Higher In Individuals With Lower Limb Amputation When Compared To General Population, Researchers Say.

[Healio](#) (9/11, Carter) reported, "Practitioners should screen for depressive symptoms in patients with lower limb loss to improve health and clinical outcomes," data presented at the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association National Assembly suggested. In the study, investigators "found that depression rates are three- to four-times higher in individuals with lower limb amputation when compared to the general population."

Small Proportion Of The Population Will

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Experience Persistent Mental Illness Across Multiple Decades Of Adulthood, Researchers Say.

[Healio](#) (9/9, Oldt) reported that “a small proportion of the population will experience persistent mental illness across multiple decades of adulthood, despite the potentially large proportion who may experience mental illness at some point in adulthood,” researchers from the National Institutes of Mental Health found. The findings of the 591-patient [study](#) were published online Sept. 7 in JAMA Psychiatry. In an accompanying [editorial](#), Carlos Blanco, MD, PhD, of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, wrote, “Because of its sample size, the present study was underpowered to examine predictors of the probable course.”

Government and Psychiatry

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Future Of ACOs In Question As Dartmouth Drops Out Of Federal Program.

The [New York Times](#) (9/11, A14, Pear, Subscription Publication) reported that the Obama Administration “urged doctors and hospitals to band together to improve care and cut costs, using a model devised by researchers at Dartmouth College.” Yet the university itself, which is “facing mounting financial losses in the federal program, has dropped out, raising questions about the future of the new entities known as accountable care organizations, created under the Affordable Care Act.” In a tweet, CMS acting administrator Andrew M. Slavitt “said that accountable care organizations were beginning to deliver tangible benefits. The current version is an early iteration ‘like the iPhone 2.’”



Psychiatry and Public Health

Data Indicate Veterinarians Have Third-Highest Risk Of Suicide When Compared To Other US Occupations.

The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (9/10, Olson) reported, “Veterinarians have the third-highest risk of suicide as a cause of death when compared to other US occupations,” the Star Tribune found after examining data from the CDC’s National Occupational Mortality Surveillance database. Included in that database are “death records from 24 states in a recent seven-year period.” The suicide rate for veterinarians is surpassed only by that of “podiatrists and dentists.”

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9/11 First Responders Experiencing Various Health Problems 15 Years Later.

The [CBS Evening News](#) (9/9, story 9, 2:25, Pelley) reported on some of the health problems experienced by first responders who survived the 9/11 attacks. CBS News’ Dr. Jon LaPook, MD, said, “In a study of more than 800 first responders, more than 12 percent had cognitive impairment.” He added that “responders...with a diagnosis of PTSD with flashbacks were three times as likely to have impairment.”



Meanwhile, the [New York Post](#) (9/9, Fears) reported, “The city Health Department released on Friday new findings from the World Trade Center Health Registry that illustrate the long-term physical and mental effects that 9/11 survivors and recovery workers are suffering.”

APA in the News

More Than 19,000 Reports Of Complications From AD/HD Medications Made To FDA Since 2013, Analysis Indicates.

The [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) (9/10, Fauber, Wynn, Fiore) reports that “since 2013, there have been more than 19,000 reports of complications from AD/HD” medications “made to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, according to a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel/MedPage Today analysis.” The article points out that “in the case of adult AD/HD, the definition was relaxed in 2013 by the American Psychiatric Association.” According to “the new definition, adults need to have five of a possible nine symptoms from either of two categories, down from six of a possible nine, and the symptoms must have been present before age 12, instead of the previous age 7.” However, some “experts question whether adult AD/HD truly is a widespread condition that needs treatment with dangerous” medications.

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