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#### PBMI honors six organizations with excellence awards

EconoTimes - March 7

The Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute (PBMI) will award six organizations with their 2017 Excellence Award today at their 22nd Annual Drug Benefit Conference in Orlando, Florida. Each organization is recognized for exceptional programs and strategies contributing to cost containment, care management, and quality improvement for the drug benefit.

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#### TRENDING NEWS

# Drug price moves in ACA repeal? Nope. But a Trump tweet says a 'new system' is coming

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After House Republicans unveiled a new healthcare bill that's all but silent on drug pricing, President Donald Trump on Tuesday promised that he hasn't abandoned his pledge to take action.

### Everything you need to know about the proposed affordable care act replacement plan

Specialty Pharmacy Times - March 7

House Republicans released the long-awaited plan to replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

# Three key senators ask GAO to investigate possible abuses of the Orphan Drug Act

Kaiser Health News - March 7

Building on weeks of mounting pressure to address high prescription drug prices, three influential U.S. senators have asked the government's accountability arm to investigate potential abuses of the Orphan Drug Act.

#### HRSA delays effective date of final rule on 340B drug ceiling prices to March 21

AHA News - March 2

The Health Resources and Services Administration today delayed, in accordance with a recent White House memorandum, the effective date of its final rule on drug ceiling prices and civil monetary penalties for manufacturers in the 340B Drug Pricing Program from March 6 to March 21.

# Can employers lower drug spending by limiting PBM involvement in health plans? 4 thoughts

Becker's Hospital Review - March 7

While U.S. drug spending has steadily climbed in the past decade, Caterpillar has managed to lower costs associated with its employee drug plan by shifting reliance away from pharmacy drug benefit managers, reports Bloomberg..

#### Decades into diabetes, insulin therapy still hard to manage

Drug Discovery & Development - March 3

So, your doctor told you that you need insulin therapy for your Type 2 diabetes.

# Cost watchdog ICER dubs most MS drugs 'overpriced,' giving only Sanofi's Lemtrada a pass

FiercePharma - March 7

The Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER), a U.S. drug price watchdog, is out with its final multiple sclerosis med assessment—and drugmakers won't much like its conclusions.

### FDA NEWS

#### FDA approves Odactra for house dust mite allergies

FDA - March 1

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today approved Odactra, the first allergen extract to be administered under the tongue (sublingually) to treat house dust mite (HDM)-induced nasal inflammation (allergic rhinitis), with or without eye inflammation (conjunctivitis), in people 18 through 65 years of age.

# FDA approves first treatment for frequent urination at night due to overproduction of urine

FDA - March 3

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today approved Noctiva (desmopressin acetate) nasal spray for adults who awaken at least two times per night to urinate due to a condition known as nocturnal polyuria (overproduction of urine during the night). Noctiva is the first FDA-approved treatment for this condition.



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