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Good morning Ms Cathy Thompson

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Leading The News

Medication Nonadherence May Be Primary Predictor Of Initial Relapse After FEP, Study Indicates.

[Medscape](#) (4/6, Davenport) reports, "Medication nonadherence is the primary predictor of an initial relapse after first-episode psychosis (FEP)," researchers found. Factors predicting subsequent relapses include "age at onset, a schizophrenia diagnosis, and a low level of positive symptomatology." The findings of the 393-patient study were presented at the European Psychiatric Association 2017 Congress.

Psychiatric News Alert



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[Interpersonal Therapy for PTSD Effective for Patients With History of Sexual Trauma](#)

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Psychiatric Treatment/Disorders

Patients With Enlarged Brain Ventricles, Clinically Suspected iNPH May Be At Increased Risk For Dementia, Researchers Say.

[Medscape](#) (4/6, Brauser) reports, "Patients with enlarged brain ventricles and clinically suspected idiopathic normal-pressure hydrocephalus (iNPH) may be at increased risk for dementia," researchers found. The findings of the 450-patient study were presented

at the International Conference on Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Diseases and Related Neurological Disorders 2017.

Government And Psychiatry

Judge Accuses New York State Officials Of Trying To Subvert 2014 Court Order To Improve Care For Group Home Residents With Mental Illnesses.

[ProPublica](#) (4/6, Sapient) reports US District Judge Nicholas Garaufis "has accused" New York "state officials of secretly trying to subvert a" 2014 "landmark court order to improve care for thousands of" New York City residents with mental illnesses. In 2014, the judge "ended a prolonged lawsuit against" the "state by ordering the Department of Health to begin moving as many as 4,000" residents with mental illnesses "housed in group homes to less restrictive environments where they could live more independently." In a March hearing, however, the judge "angrily charged that officials with the Department of Health appeared to have hatched a plan with the operators of the troubled group homes to get out from under his court order."

House GOP Adds \$15 Billion-Amendment To AHCA In Effort To Revive ACA Repeal.

The [New York Times](#) (4/6, Pear, Subscription Publication) reports that because of "intense pressure from President Trump, House Republicans took a small step Thursday to revive legislation to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, adding a \$15 billion fund to help insurers pay claims for their sickest customers." The article says House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) "orchestrated a broad show of Republican support for the proposal, conceived as an amendment to" the American Health Care Act which "collapsed on the House floor two weeks ago." Yet, GOP lawmakers "said they still did not have enough votes to pass the bill, and with the House now on a two-week spring break, time is running out for their planned quick-strike repeal of" the ACA.

The [Washington Post](#) (4/6, Cunningham, Eilperin, Debonis) reports that House GOP leaders made the change to the AHCA "after Vice President Pence pressured them to show progress toward passing the bill before lawmakers leave for a two-week recess." On Thursday morning, Ryan unveiled "an amendment aimed at addressing coverage for sicker Americans – and also aimed at pleasing both conservative and moderate Republicans who had opposed the original proposal." He said,

[USA Today](#) (4/6, Gaudiano) reports that the \$15 billion plan "for a Federal Invisible Risk Sharing Program, as described in a memo from House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., to the caucus, is designed to help states reduce premiums by reimbursing health insurance issuers for high-cost individuals beginning in 2018."

Other News

Parental Consent Requirements For Behavioral Health Studies May Make It More Difficult To Understand Teen Psychology, Research Suggests.

[Reuters](#) (4/6, Rapaport) reports that making adolescents get parental permission "to participate in studies about behavioral health may make it harder to understand adolescent psychology – especially when drugs and alcohol are involved," researchers concluded after examining "data

from 15 previously published studies with a total of 104,074 children to see how the consent policies influenced which kids participated and how they responded to questions about risky or illegal behaviors." The [findings](#) were published online March 28 in the Journal of Adolescent Health.

Thursday's Lead Stories

- [Most Kids With Autism Go Undiagnosed Until After Age Three, Study Suggests.](#)
- [Researchers Find Link Between NKPD1 Gene And Depression Symptoms.](#)
- [House Republicans Fail To Reach Agreement On Revised Healthcare Bill.](#)
- [UK Experts Contend Ketamine Should Be Developed Responsibly As A Psychiatric Medication.](#)

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