

The [Institute of Medicine summary](#) of a workshop organized earlier this year showed the importance of financial incentives to encourage development of therapies designed to address unmet medical needs for nervous system disorders.

Here are more science policy updates:

SCIENCE ADVOCACY NEWS

- The National Health Council (NHC) urges you to add your organization's name to the [attached](#) letter to strongly encourage the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) to include accurate drug-specific out-of-pocket (OOP) costs in the proposed OOP cost estimator.
- The House will vote on the [21st Century Cures Act](#) as we speak.
- The Appropriations Bill for increasing 2016 NIH and NSF funding is moving through the process.
- It was recently [announced](#) that all chimpanzees, including those used in research will be designated as endangered species.

IN THE NEWS

- A recent [study](#) showed that boys are more likely to be prescribed antipsychotics regardless of age.
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. You can recommit to the ADA [here](#) and [here](#).
- Read about a [study](#) about the rise in problem drinking.
- What does a theoretical neuroscientist do? [Read](#) more to find out!
- The Society for Neuroscience submitted a [letter](#) to the journal *Science* about [animal rights extremist campaign](#).
- The [National Institutes of Mental Health](#) (NIMH) director Tom Insel [discusses](#) early BRAIN Initiative findings.
- The [Foundation for Biomedical Research released](#) a video about the use of animals in research.
- The National Institutes of Health (NIH) [plans](#) to revise application instructions and review criteria to enhance reproducibility of research findings through increased scientific rigor and transparency.
- NIH and NIDA released a [Funding Opportunity Announcement \(FOA\)](#) to solicit applications from qualified small business concerns to research and develop the tools or services to assist life science investigators in designing in vivo animal experiments to specifically ensure its methodological rigor.

FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS

- [Register](#) for a webinar to be held on July 13 entitled '*Recovery focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Bipolar Disorder with Dr. Steven Jones*'.
- The NIH Outreach Office is updating its stakeholder contacts list. Please forward your contact information (full name, title, organization, address, phone, email, twitter handle) to Ms. Jyoti Singh in the NIH Outreach Office: Jyoti.singh@nih.gov if you want to make sure that the NIH has the most updated information for you.
- You are invited to the 21st [Music Festival for Brain Health](#) to be held in Sept. 2015.
- [Register](#) for the 2015 NINDS Nonprofit Forum, also to be held in Sept. 2015.