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## Editor's note

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## Healthcare regulatory news

A CMS [proposed rule](#) intends to advance interoperability of electronic health information, including new [Medicare conditions of participation](#) requiring hospitals to share discharge information with other providers... an [ONC proposed rule](#) implements [information-blocking prohibitions](#) and other 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures provisions... CMS is [proposing to cover](#) CAR-T treatment through Coverage with Evidence Development.

FDA updated its [public list](#) of brand-name drug manufacturers that have refused to provide generic companies samples needed

for generic development... FDA [draft guidance](#) would create a new program for [developing pharmaceutical quality consensus standards](#).

FDA [issued its first warning letter](#) under the Drug Supply Chain Security Act to McKesson for failure to address tampering of [opioids medications](#)... FDA [outlined priorities](#) for regulating dietary supplements and [took action against 17 companies](#) falsely claiming product benefits... FDA will receive [\\$269 million in new funding](#) as part of the [deal](#) to avert another government shutdown.



## Healthcare law and policy news

CMMI [announced an emergency care model](#) and an [artificial intelligence outcomes challenge](#), and could use models to [accelerate transparency and data-blocking](#) initiatives...

Independence at Home demonstration [generated average beneficiary savings](#) of 4.7% (\$1,431) in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

[USPSTF recommended](#) health plans cover counseling services for pregnant women and new mothers at risk for depression... [CDC reported that 4.9 million](#) middle and high school students used tobacco in the last month in 2018, up from 3.6 million in 2017, with e-cigarettes driving the increase.

PhRMA [urged the Trump Administration](#) to take “urgent action” to address “serious market access and intellectual property barriers” in 24 countries... Veritas Capital [acquired AthenaHealth for \\$5.7 billion](#)... Johnson & Johnson [will acquire Auris Health](#) for \$3.4 billion... Apple is [partnering with the VA](#) to give veterans access to their health records on iPhones.

[HCCI reported](#) that healthcare costs for individuals with employer-sponsored coverage increased 4.2% in 2017... an [RWJF-Urban Institute analysis](#) found that per-person spending for private insurance is growing faster (4.4%) than it is for Medicare (2.4%) and Medicaid (1.6%)... a [Medical Care Research and Review study](#) concluded that care quality is not better at vertically-integrated physician-employed hospitals... Rock Health

[reported that 89% of US adults used at least one digital health tool in 2018, up from 80% in 2015.](#)



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