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Healthcare regulatory news

[OIG released, "2022 Top Management and Performance Challenges Facing HHS"](#), identifying six challenges the department faces in fulfilling its mission to enhance the health of all... [OIG recommended CMS evaluate the use of psychotropic drugs among nursing home residents](#) and expand oversight on nursing homes that may use these drugs inappropriately.

[CMS released its framework for advancing health care in rural, tribal, and geographically isolated communities](#).

[FDA approved ImmunoGen's ELAHERE](#), an antibody targeted dose of chemotherapy directly to cancer cells, for the treatment of folate alpha-positive, platinum-resistant ovarian cancer.

[FDA released an updated Medical Device Cybersecurity Regional Incident Preparedness and Response Playbook](#) to help health care delivery organizations prepare for cybersecurity incidents.

[The U.S. Preventative Services Task Force released its 12th Annual Report to Congress on High-Priority Evidence Gaps for Clinical Preventative Services.](#)



Healthcare law and policy news

[Provider advocates are urging Congress to prevent the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go \(PAYGO\) sequester from taking effect](#), stating many hospitals and health systems are experiencing their worst financial situation since the start of COVID-19.

Kaiser Family Foundation briefs show that the typical beneficiary for 2023 has a [choice of 43 Medicare Advantage plans](#), a five-plan increase from 2022, and [24 Medicare Part D stand-alone prescription drug plans](#), one more than 2022... [A Kaiser Health News investigation found](#) that private equity's increasing presence in healthcare results in lower quality, higher cost care.

New studies found: (1) the [disproportionate share hospital \(DSH\) program may structurally disadvantage communities](#) that require the most resources to improve population health; (2) [more than half of older physicians in most countries will stop seeing patients within the next three years](#).

[Amazon launched Amazon Clinic](#), a virtual health care platform connecting users with common conditions to providers... [Google Cloud announced](#) three new [Healthcare Data Engine](#) accelerators to help health systems and payers strengthen health equity programs, patient flow, and value-based care.

[Maven, a virtual women's and family health clinic, raised \\$90M in series E funding](#)... [Sanford Health and Fairview Health Services will merge](#) and form a new health system across the Midwest... [Ionis partnered with Metagenomi](#), with Ionis paying \$80M upfront, to further develop novel, personalized medicines... [Centene will sell Magellan Specialty Health to Evolent Health](#).

Special Section: COVID-19 and Monkeypox News

[HHS did not alert states that it will lift the COVID-19 PHE by the Friday, November 11th deadline](#); as such, it will remain in place through at least mid-January... [The Senate voted 62-36 to end the COVID-19 emergency declaration](#).

[An Urban Institute policy briefing revealed that 62% of Medicaid recipients are unaware that states will redetermine their Medicaid eligibility](#) when the COVID-19 public health emergency ends.

[The Biden Administration will request an additional \\$10B in COVID funding](#) amid an expected winter surge in infections.

[Moderna announced that its new omicron-targeted COVID-19 booster shot triggered antibody responses](#) against the BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants that were on average 15.1-fold higher than pre-booster levels.

[The seven-day average of reported U.S. monkeypox cases hit 13 cases on November 16th](#), the lowest average since June 10th.

[Roche received FDA Emergency Use Authorization for its cobas molecular monkeypox test](#).



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