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## Editor's note

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## Healthcare regulatory news

CMS is [establishing a Managed Care Group](#) to coordinate/consolidate Medicaid managed care program policy/operations.

CMS [identified 43 drugs](#) subject to [inflation rebates that will lower Medicare beneficiary coinsurance](#) beginning July 1... ASPE [reported Part B drug spending increased](#) on average 9.2% annually from 2008-2021... CMS [finalized a policy](#) for including MA beneficiary patient days in DSH payment calculations.

FDA [updated draft guidance](#) for [good clinical practices to modernize clinical trial design/conduct](#)... An FDA [advisory committee is meeting today to discuss](#) Eisai-Biogen's Alzheimer's drug, Leqembi; [briefing documents](#) suggest [clinical effectiveness with risks that may not preclude](#) approval... FDA [released its annual drug shortages report](#).

FTC [expanded its inquiry of PBM](#) practices.

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## Healthcare law and policy news

CMS [announced a value-based primary care model](#), [Making Care Primary Model](#), launching July 2024 in eight states.

Merck [sued HHS/CMS](#) to stop [implementation of the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program](#).

The Supreme Court [upheld the right of injured parties to sue](#) over civil rights violations in [state-run safety net programs and facilities](#), including nursing homes... Following [oral arguments](#), a federal appeals court [asked parties to agree to stay](#), throughout the appeal, the district court's order striking down mandated ACA coverage of preventive services... Indivior will [pay 41 states and DC \\$102.5M to settle anticompetitive claims](#) related to its opioid treatment, Suboxone... A [district court certified a class action](#) against Aetna and OptumHealth for [allegedly using "dummy codes" to disguise administrative expenses](#) as medical costs... FTC [urged North Carolina's legislature not to pass legislation](#) exempting UNC Health from antitrust scrutiny.

Optum [made an all-cash bid \(\\$3.3B\) to acquire Amedisys](#), which Option Care Health was [set to acquire](#)... Novo Nordisk [entered exclusive negotiations to acquire](#) its French collaborator Biocorp (\$165M)... Two life sciences [investment firms will acquire Paratek Pharmaceuticals](#) (\$462M)... Mallinckrodt is [exploring a repeat bankruptcy filing](#) due to pending opioid settlement payments... [Bayer launched a precision health](#) consumer products business unit... Mayo Clinic is [collaborating with Google Cloud on generative AI](#) applications.

A *Health Affairs* study found average nonprofit hospital [charity care spending decreased from \\$6.7M to \\$6.4M between 2012-2019](#), while profits increased from \$43M to \$59M... A [JAMA study concluded](#) biases in healthcare algorithms are likely exacerbating racial/ethnic inequities.

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