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Healthcare regulatory news

HHS/Labor/Treasury [reopened](#) the No Surprises Act [independent dispute resolution portal](#).

A [CMS final rule specifies](#) how/when it will calculate and impose civil monetary penalties for Medicare secondary payers that fail to meet federal reporting requirements.

CMS [announced the 2024 standard monthly Medicare Part B premium](#) will be \$174.70, up \$9.80 (6%) from 2023.

FDA is [forming an advisory committee](#) to support [regulation of digital health technologies](#), including AI, augmented/virtual reality, digital therapeutics, and wearables.

DEA [further extended](#) pandemic rules for telehealth prescribing of controlled [substances through the end of 2024](#) while it considers a permanent policy change.

HHS [OIG reported Aetna Medicare Advantage](#) plans received \$25M+ in overpayments in 2015/2016.

HHS reported [more than 7M Americans](#) have received the updated COVID-19 vaccine.

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Healthcare law and policy news

Bristol-Myers Squibb finalized [plans to acquire Mirati Therapeutics](#) (\$4.8B)... Cigna's Evernorth [acquired Bright.md](#) to enhance its MDLIVE virtual care platform... Blue Cross Michigan [finalized its affiliation](#) with Blue Cross Vermont... Presbyterian Healthcare and UnityPoint Health [called off](#) their merger... EU [ordered Illumina to unwind](#) its \$7B acquisition of Grail... General Catalyst [announced a new company](#) to support partners with healthcare industry transformation, with plans to acquire a health system in its first year... Sanofi and BioMap [will collaborate](#) to co-develop AI modules for biotherapeutic drug discovery.

Google announced [a generative AI search function](#) for clinical settings... Microsoft [announced several healthcare data and AI](#) initiatives... Best Buy will [sell a prescription-based medical device](#), Dexcom G7 continuous glucose monitor... Walgreens is launching [an on-demand virtual care service](#) this month... Walmart is [expanding virtual primary care](#) to about [1M employee health plan members](#).

HITRUST [announced launch](#) of an [AI Assurance Program](#) to support secure and sustainable use of AI technology... 13 health systems [signed an interoperability pact](#) with the VA.

JAMA studies found: (1) providers at two hospitals between 2018 and 2020 were [more likely to view/engage with EHR records of White patients](#) than those of other races/ethnicities; (2) approximately [20% of adolescents had major depressive disorder in 2021](#), with varied prevalence across racial and ethnic groups; less than half of adolescents needing mental health treatment received treatment; and (3) depressive symptoms in adults [were positively associated](#) with cardiovascular disease mortality.

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