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Editor's note

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Healthcare regulatory news

CMS [finalized a rule](#) requiring nursing homes to [disclose information about their ownership structure](#).

HHS [proposed 2025 ACA marketplace policies](#), including [network adequacy requirements for state-based exchanges](#).

CMS [approved Missouri as the 40th state](#) to expand Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months.

HHS released an [HHS Language Access Plan](#) to [address language barriers](#) in accessing healthcare and human services.

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Healthcare law and policy news

Congress [passed, and President Biden signed, a two-step continuing resolution](#) to provide federal government funding through early next year; it also [extends some expired health programs and delays DSH cuts](#).

The White House [launched an initiative](#) to advance women's health research.

UnitedHealth Group is [facing a class-action lawsuit](#) for [allegedly using AI to improperly deny](#) post-acute care coverage to Medicare Advantage enrollees.

Thoma Bravo [completed its \\$1.8B acquisition](#) of NextGen Healthcare... Surescripts is [applying to become a qualified health information network](#) under HHS' Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement... OptumRx is [moving eight popular insulin products](#) to preferred status on its standard formulary... Express Scripts [announced a ClearNetwork pharmacy option](#) for clients to pay "straight-forward estimated" acquisition costs for drugs, plus a small markup for dispensing/service costs... Novo Nordisk [reported](#) its obesity drug Wegovy [reduced the risk](#) of cardiovascular death, nonfatal heart attacks, and nonfatal strokes, in addition to weight loss benefits.

A [JAMA study found](#) the US life expectancy fell from 78.8 years in 2019 to 76.1 years in 2021, with the largest gap between men (73.2) and women (79.1) since 1996... The [2022 National Survey on Drug Use and Health](#) found [48.7M people in the US age 12+ \(17.3%\)](#) had a substance use disorder in 2022, up from [46.3M in 2021](#)... KFF projected, based on a state officials survey, that [Medicare enrollment will drop 8.6% in FY24](#), while total program spending increases 3.4% and state spending increases 17.2%... March of Dimes reported US [preterm birth rates remain "alarmingly high,"](#) with persistent racial disparities on infant/maternal health indicators... An [MGMA survey](#) found prior authorization is the top regulatory burden for group practices.

House Energy and Commerce Health Committee [advanced 21 healthcare bills](#), including on [PBM oversight](#), adjusting Medicare payment for DME, expanding access to biosimilars, and extending Advanced APM bonuses.

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