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Healthcare regulatory news

CMS released a [final rule](#) recalculating disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments, allowing reimbursements only for services provided to beneficiaries for whom Medicaid is their primary insurer; an \$8B reduction in DSH payments is anticipated from 2024-2027.

The FDA [granted accelerated approval](#) for CAR-T immunotherapy, Amtagvi, the first cancer cell therapy for solid tumors; CAR-T immunotherapies have demonstrated success against certain blood cancers, but have had [limited clinical efficiency](#) with solid tumors, which account for 90% of all cancer types.

The Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) [announced](#) \$100M in funding for women's health research and development.

A [progress report](#) by CMS on No Surprises Act (NSA) arbitration between January-June 2023 shows 80% of payment disputes for out-of-network services were settled above the median in-network rate... A FAIR Health [study](#) found in-network care increased 2.3% across all specialties upon NSA implementation (Q4 2021- Q1 2022).

SAMHSA [announced](#) \$5M for LGBTQIA+ youth counseling, support programs, and tailored provider training.



Healthcare law and policy news

Novovax reached a [\\$475M settlement](#) with Gavi, a public-private partnership with the WHO, for a [2021 advance purchase agreement \(APA\)](#) for its COVID-19 vaccine prototype.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is [investigating](#) Community Health Systems' (CHS) billing practices for potential False Claims Act violations; CHS [previously settled](#) with the DOJ for \$262M in 2018 for overbilling allegations.

A new [investigation](#) of Colorado-based UHealth found 15,000+ lawsuits have been filed against patients on the insurers' behalf between 2019-2023; the investigation [alleges UHealth used third-party collection agencies](#) to deliberately obfuscate their involvement.

MA beneficiaries are more likely to experience care delays in getting care due to prior approval requirements than traditional Medicare (22% vs 13%) per [a new Commonwealth Fund study](#).

A Small Business Majority [poll of small business](#) found that nearly 25% of respondents stopped providing health coverage to their employees in response to rising healthcare costs.

Nearly 40% of Americans personally know someone who has died over an overdose and almost 13% have experienced the loss of a close friend or relative to overdose, according to an [American Journal of Public Health study](#).

A Center for Connected Medicine (CCM)/KLAS Research [provider poll](#) found only 16% of respondents have systemwide AI governance policies.



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