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Editor's note

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We are publishing ATW 360 early this week, wishing you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!



Healthcare regulatory news

The [FDA approved Provention Bio's TZIELD](#) as the first immunomodulatory treatment to delay the onset of Stage 3 Type-1 Diabetes.

[DOJ, New York and Minnesota will appeal](#) the federal court decision that allowed UnitedHealth Group to acquire Change Healthcare.

[HHS and FDA are being sued by anti-abortion groups to overturn the approval of mifepristone](#), an abortion medication... [A group of Senate Democrats called on the FDA to ease access to mifepristone](#).



Healthcare law and policy news

The [Congressional Budget Office \(CBO\) estimated](#) that the House Ways & Means Committee's behavioral health provisions would cost \$1.8B over 10 years.

[President Biden announced a nearly 40% increase in new "sign-ups" on healthcare.gov over the last year.](#)

[New survey data from AHIP and BCBSA estimate over 9.3M claims were subject to No Surprises Act protection since January 2022](#), with estimates of over 275,000 claims submitted to independent dispute resolution (IDR), and nearly 110,000 IDR batches received by health plans.

[The American Medical Association's House of Delegates directed AMA to encourage graduate medical education institutions](#) to consider the ongoing education and welfare of trainee physicians when contemplating corporate investor partnerships and make this information available to trainees.

[Newly released federal audits, obtained by Kaiser Health News through a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, showed some](#) Medicare Advantage plans are "overbilling" the government an average of more than \$1000 per patient per year.

New studies found: (1) [cancer screenings are still below pre-pandemic levels](#), potentially delaying patients' diagnoses to more severe stages; (2) [over one-third of advanced practice clinicians received payments from pharmaceutical and medical device companies in 2021](#).

[Regeneron signed a \\$30M licensing deal, that could be worth up to \\$2B, with CytomX](#) to work on bispecific cancer treatments... [Merck will acquire Imago BioSciences](#), a blood-cancer biotech company, for \$1.35B.

Special Section: COVID-19 and Monkeypox News

[A new COVID-19 subvariant, BQ.1.1, and its predecessor BQ.1, constituted 49.7% of all COVID cases nationwide](#) in the week ending November 19th.

[Pfizer and BioNTech SE announced their omicron-specific COVID-19 vaccine performed better](#) than their original vaccine in older adults against the emerging BQ.1.1 subvariant.

[HHS released a new report](#) highlighting the difficulties faced by people with long COVID.

A [new study showed that as much as 25% of monkeypox infections in women](#) are not linked to sexual transmission.



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