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Editor's note

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Healthcare regulatory news

CMS [issued](#) two [proposed rules](#) to improve Medicaid and CHIP [care access, accountability, and transparency](#), including for home and community-based services, and establish new [managed care plan access standards](#).

CMS [is increasing](#) hospital price transparency enforcement.

CMS Administrator Brooks-LaSure said [Medicare would cover the Alzheimer's drug Leqembi for all beneficiaries](#), if fully approved by the FDA.

OMB is reviewing proposed rules on [short-term, limited duration health plans](#) and [expedited coverage](#) of [innovative medical devices](#).

CMS [proposed](#) expanding federal healthcare program [access for DACA recipients](#).

FDA [granted accelerated approval](#) to Biogen's treatment for a rare form of ALS... FDA [approved a microbiome therapy](#) for recurrent *C. difficile* Infection... FDA [plans to study how consumers interpret/understand](#) quantitative claims in direct-to-consumer drug advertising.

OIG [released a toolkit](#) to help identify telehealth fraud, waste, and abuse risks.

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Healthcare law and policy news

The Supreme Court stayed [\(7-2\) restrictions on mifepristone](#) pending further review by the 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals; the Justice Department [asked the appeals court](#) to overturn the district court ruling revoking FDA approval.

VA [will "reset"](#) its EHR modernization project, halting future deployments while making improvements at existing sites.

Kaiser Foundation Hospitals [launched Risant Health](#), a non-profit multi-system value-based care organization; Geisinger will be acquired to join the organization... University of South Alabama Health [is acquiring Providence Hospital](#) and its affiliated clinics (\$85M)... AmerisourceBergen and TPG [plan to acquire OneOncology](#) (\$2.1B)... Quest Diagnostics [will acquire Haystack Oncology](#) (up to \$450M)... eVisit [acquired Bluestream Health](#)... Johnson & Johnson is [seeking a ~\\$40B valuation](#) for its consumer health business IPO.

Clover Health [will pay \\$22M to settle](#) a class action lawsuit alleging it misled investors prior to its IPO... A [consumer class action lawsuit](#) alleges Abbvie [fraudulently schemed to increase](#) the price of Humira.

A [Censinet-KLAS-AHA study](#) concluded healthcare organizations [remain more reactive than proactive](#) in addressing cybersecurity risks... Urban Institute and Georgetown University [reported evidence to date](#) on *No Surprises Act* implementation.

CBO [projected Medicaid work requirements in the Republican debt limit bill](#), which [passed the House 217-215](#), would result in 600,000 becoming uninsured.

Senate HELP Committee [will markup generic and PBM](#) legislation on May 2... House Oversight Committee [will hold a hearing on PBM](#) practices.

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Special Section: COVID-19 News

The COVID-19 Crisis Group [released a report on lessons learned](#) from the US' response to COVID-19, including a [“collective national incompetence in governance.”](#)

The Justice Department [charged 18 individuals, including doctors, for various COVID-19-related healthcare fraud](#) schemes totaling \$490M.

USAID announced launch of [a global health emergency response system](#).

A [Peterson-KFF analysis](#) found all racial and ethnic groups experienced an increase in their premature mortality (death before reaching age 75) rate during the pandemic, but White people who died prematurely lost an average of 12.5 years of life, significantly less than American Indian and Alaska Native (22), Hispanic (19.9), Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (18.8), Black (18.3), and Asian (14) people.

KFF estimated between [7.8M and 24.4M people across the US could be disenrolled from Medicaid](#) during unwinding of the continuous enrollment provision and that at least half of Medicaid enrollment gains during the pandemic are likely to be reversed.

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