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Healthcare regulatory news

CMS announced the Direct Contracting Model [generated \\$371.5M in Medicare net savings in 2022](#), more than 5x savings in 2021 (\$70.4M).

HRSA [reversed a pandemic policy](#), once again [requiring 340B hospitals to register offsite clinics](#) and list them on Medicare cost reports.

OMB is [reviewing](#) a [ONC final rule](#) on health IT interoperability and certification.

HHS and CISA [released a Healthcare and Public Health Cybersecurity toolkit](#)... HHS is reportedly [considering requiring minimum cybersecurity standards](#) for federal program payments.

FDA released [draft guidance](#) on drug manufacturer [communication of scientific information](#) to providers about off-label product uses... FDA [lifted a hold, allowing Verve Therapeutics to conduct](#) a US-based trial of its

gene-editing high cholesterol treatment... FDA [is reviewing AstraZeneca's application](#) for a patient/caregiver-administered nasal flu vaccine.

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Healthcare law and policy news

Roche [will acquire Televant Holdings](#) (\$7.1B), including an experimental inflammatory bowel diseases therapy... UPMC and Washington Health System [signed a merger agreement](#)... Prospect Medical Holdings [will sell Crozer Health](#) as part of an agreement with the PA Attorney General... Blue Cross NC will [acquire all North Carolina-based FastMed](#) urgent care centers... Sanofi [plans to spin off](#) its consumer healthcare business.

Several independent [pharmacies sued Express Scripts for allegedly colluding](#) with Prime Therapeutics to fix reimbursement rates... Sanofi is [partnering with GoodRx to offer](#) its insulin [Lantus for \\$35](#), regardless of insurance status, at thousands of pharmacies... GNC [will offer new membership plans](#) with access to [virtual urgent and primary care](#).

A [BMJ study found](#) oncologists are more likely to provide low-value care after receiving pharmaceutical industry payments... A Georgetown analysis [estimated 1.9M children have lost Medicaid](#) coverage since redeterminations... Urban Institute/RWJF [projected 2.3M individuals would gain coverage](#) if remaining states adopted ACA-funded Medicare expansion... Trilliant Health [data show](#) primary care visits fell 6.3% between 2021-2022; ED visits increased 3.1%... A [JAMA study found](#) all but 29.9% of Medicare Part D spending on 45 high-utilization generics in 2021 went to intermediary (PBM, pharmacy, wholesaler) gross profit.

Commonwealth Fund [reported 51% of working-age adults](#), including 57% with individual or marketplace insurance coverage, have difficulty affording healthcare costs... A [Carta Healthcare survey found](#) 38% of Americans trust AI and 57% have a good understanding of AI's applications for healthcare.

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