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Healthcare regulatory news

CMS [announced \\$100M](#) in grants to 44 Navigators to provide assistance to consumers signing up for Marketplace health coverage, representing the largest investment in the Navigator program to date.

Over 450 agents and brokers have been [suspended from selling insurance plans](#) through healthcare.gov for suspected illegal enrollments and unauthorized plan switches, according to CMS's Center for Consumer Information and Insurer Oversight (CCIO) leadership.

The FDA cleared the [first automated insulin dosing technology](#), Insulet SmartAdjust, to individuals with type 2 diabetes.





Healthcare law and policy news

[Centene plans to eliminate](#) broker commissions for Medicare Part D plan enrollments for 2025; Centene is [one of five issuers](#) that cover approximately 75% of all Part D enrollees.

A federal judge ruled that TennCare, Tennessee's Medicaid program, [illegally terminated coverage](#) for thousands of residents due to a defective electronic eligibility determination system that led to erroneous determinations.

A [KFF analysis](#) found that many Marketplace enrollees experience limited access to local physicians due to narrow networks; on average enrollees had access to only 40% of physicians near their homes, and 23% Marketplace enrollees were in a plan with a network that included 25% or fewer of doctors in their area.

According to a new [Senate Finance Committee staff analysis](#), the Inflation Reduction Act's (IRA) Part B rebates have saved nearly \$3B since January 2023, with 770K seniors receiving a direct reduction in their Part B coinsurance payments.

Cigna's pharmacy benefit unit, Express Scripts will [remove AbbVie's biosimilar Humira](#) from its largest commercial formularies in 2025.

Aetna announced it will [expand fertility treatment coverage](#) to include intrauterine insemination (IUI), making it the first major insurer to do so.

Eli Lilly [launched a discounted version](#) of their obesity drug Zepbound and will now offer the drug in vials instead of injectable pens at around half the cost (\$549 per month, down from \$1,060 previously).

A [study](#) from the Annals of Internal Medicine estimated that 14% of newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries would qualify for semaglutide coverage for cardiovascular risk prevention, potentially increasing Medicare spending by \$34B annually.

Pfizer launched a [direct-to-consumer \(DTC\) digital platform](#), PfizerForAll, offering virtual appointments, prescription home delivery, and vaccination scheduling services initially targeting individuals with migraines and respiratory conditions.



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