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Editor's note

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Healthcare regulatory news

President Trump issued an [Executive Order](#) indicating that the U.S. will withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO). The action provides notice that the U.S. will pause the transfer of government funds to the WHO and recall any personnel or contractors working with the organization.

The White House announced it will [rescind](#) several Biden administration executive orders, including those related to [expanding COVID-19 treatments](#) and [strengthening Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act](#). It will also pause all external communications from federal

health agencies until February 1, unless mission critical, [according](#) to a memo issued by acting HHS Secretary Dorothy Fink.

FDA [clears](#) ketamine-derived nasal spray as a monotherapy for treatment-resistant depression, expanding options for patients with depression who have not responded to standalone oral antidepressants.



Healthcare law and policy news

CMS [announced](#) that participation in accountable care arrangements has increased, pushing the agency closer to reaching its 2030 goal of having all Traditional Medicare beneficiaries in an accountable care relationship.

New [research](#) suggests integrating self-reported patient survey responses with diagnosis codes may improve risk adjustment in Medicare Advantage (MA).

The Senate Finance Committee [scheduled](#) a hearing for HHS Secretary nominee Robert F. Kennedy Jr. for January 29, during which committee members will vote on whether to advance his nomination to the full Senate.

In an effort to promote healthcare access through tax relief, Minnesota's state Senate introduced [legislation](#) that would allow individuals to subtract expenditures for medical care and health insurance from state taxable income.

The New York state legislature passed a [bill](#) to expand patient protections and data privacy outside of traditional healthcare settings. If enacted into law, the legislation would restrict the processing of consumer health data and the sale of private health information, establishing monetary penalties for noncompliance.





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