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Healthcare regulatory news

The White House announced an [Executive Order](#) establishing the Make America Healthy Again Commission, which outlines the administration's intended actions to combat chronic diseases and other healthcare issues.

The Trump administration submitted a [proposed rule](#) to OMB for review that would address program integrity in the ACA health insurance Marketplaces.





Healthcare law and policy news

A federal judge for the U.S. district court for Massachusetts [ordered](#) a nationwide hold on the Trump administration's plans to [limit payments for "indirect costs"](#) in NIH grants, which include overhead and administrative expenses. Lawsuits [allege](#) that the agency's actions violate the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) and will impose harm on the institutions conducting critical medical and scientific research.

The CDC, FDA, and HHS were [ordered](#) by a federal court judge to restore webpages and data removed from their websites. The order comes in response to a [lawsuit](#) that challenged the removal of this information following [executive action](#) from the Trump administration.

House Republicans released their draft [budget resolution](#), which signaled potential spending [cuts](#) to Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Potential federal funding cuts to Medicaid have [raised concerns](#) among hospitals and state governments.

Bipartisan [legislation](#) introduced in the House would facilitate direct primary care (DPC) arrangements under Medicaid, allowing beneficiaries to pay a flat, monthly fee to access primary care services. The bill also [directs HHS](#) to issue guidance to states on DPC implementation under Medicaid and to submit a report to Congress on the impact of these arrangements on care cost and quality.

A WSJ investigative [report](#) found that of the 5 billion claims that health insurers process annually, nearly 850M are denied. While less than 1% of denied claims are appealed, approximately 75% of those appeals are successful.

The American Hospital Association [asked](#) the Trump administration to grant exceptions to tariffs for pharmaceuticals and medical devices manufactured in Canada, China, and Mexico, noting that delays or disruptions to care could pose significant risks to patients.





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