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Editor's note

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Healthcare regulatory news

CMS [reduced funding](#) for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Navigator program by 90%, from \$98M annually to \$10M annually, noting that [enrollment numbers](#) failed to justify prior funding levels.

The Trump administration released an [Executive Order](#) soliciting policy recommendations for protecting in vitro fertilization (IVF) access and reducing out-of-pocket costs for IVF treatment.

FDA [approved Merilog](#), a rapid-acting insulin biosimilar, for blood glucose control in adult and pediatric patients with diabetes. It is the

first rapid-acting insulin biosimilar approved by the FDA, following several [setbacks in the insulin space](#) in recent years.



Healthcare law and policy news

The Trump administration filed its first [brief](#) defending the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation program in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, upholding the government's justification for implementing statutory requirements of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Several pharmaceutical manufacturers and trade associations have filed [lawsuits](#) challenging the constitutionality of the program... According to a [brief filed with the Supreme Court](#) last week, the Trump administration also will defend the ACA preventive services mandate, maintaining the arguments made by the Biden administration.

WSJ [reports](#) that the Department of Justice has launched a civil fraud investigation into the Medicare billing practices at UnitedHealth Group following allegations that the company recorded certain diagnoses to garner higher reimbursement rates.

Healthcare entities are [experimenting](#) with using drones to deliver medical supplies, drugs, and organs; however, such efforts have been limited by FAA regulations that restrict the flight zones of drones. Currently, long-haul organ transport is typically managed by commercial aircraft, which often [struggle](#) to ship and store organs under optimal conditions.

A Missouri district court judge [declined](#) to stop the FTC's lawsuit against Caremark, Express Scripts, and Optum Rx, which [alleges](#) that the three PBMs are raising insulin costs artificially.

[Legislation introduced](#) in the California Senate would require certain health plans to report healthcare denial information to state regulators and impose administrative penalties for violations. Sponsors [noted](#) that the bill aims to improve transparency as [denials](#) for provider-recommended care have increased in recent years.





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