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Healthcare regulatory news

HHS [announced](#) a significant restructuring initiative that will reduce the HHS workforce by nearly 10,000 full-time employees, saving an estimated \$1.8B annually. The reorganization also will integrate some existing sub-agencies like HRSA, SAMHSA, and OASH into a new Administration for a Healthy America within HHS.

Following several [regulatory hurdles](#), DEA and HHS will [delay the effective date](#) for certain telehealth prescribing rules to December 31, 2025. A [DOJ memo](#) noted that the government will implement further

review related to “any questions of fact, law, and policy that the rules may raise.”

The Trump administration is [pulling back](#) approximately \$11.4B in COVID-19 funding from state and local health departments, mostly allocated for COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, and other community health work.

A new online database [unveiled by the FDA](#), the [Chemical Contaminants Transparency Tool](#), provides information to consumers about contaminant levels in foods. Chemical contaminants include a broad range of chemical substances that may be present in food and that have the potential to cause harm.



Healthcare law and policy news

The Senate confirmed [Dr. Martin Makary](#) to lead the FDA and [Dr. Jay Bhattacharya](#) to serve as NIH Director... The Finance Committee voted [to advance the nomination](#) of Dr. Mehmet Oz to lead CMS to the full Senate, with a vote expected soon. President Trump also [nominated](#) acting director Dr. Susan Monarez to lead the CDC.

The “Make America Healthy Again” [movement has influenced state-level efforts](#) to introduce legislation and other public health policies, including initiatives to eliminate potentially harmful food additives and synthetic dyes and other more controversial measures such as removing fluoride from drinking water

A [WSJ report](#) found that health insurers have received \$4.3B in duplicate payments from Medicaid due to patients being enrolled in two states’ programs at the same time, usually due to an enrollee moving from one state to another.

Digital therapists, including AI chatbots, exhibit signs of “anxiety” when responding to traumatic or stressful content from users, according to a [recent study](#). This research highlights the potential strain on AI systems designed to handle sensitive topics.





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