



# Around the world of U.S. healthcare in 360 words or less



June 23, 2025 | Issue 375

## Editor's note

*This note is produced by KPMG's Federal Healthcare Advisory Practice and is intended to be short and succinct, less than 360 words, to provide a digestible bite of news relevant to our clients and practices. Links are provided to source material (proposed and final regulations, agency guidance and press releases, reports, research, etc.) when available.*

**Please note: ATW will pause for the next two weeks, and the next issue will be on July 14, 2025. Have a safe and happy holiday!**



## Healthcare regulatory news

FDA introduced the [Commissioner's National Priority Voucher](#) program to expedite drug reviews for products addressing national health priorities. The program includes multidisciplinary team review and enhanced sponsor communication to accelerate approvals while aiming to maintain safety and efficacy standards.

CMS [approved](#) Medicaid State Plan Amendments in six states (Minnesota, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming) allowing the Indian Health Service and Tribal clinics to provide Medicaid services beyond traditional settings, such as in homes and schools.

FDA [approved](#) lenacapavir (Yeztugo), a twice-yearly injectable drug to prevent HIV infection. The approval represents an advancement in prevention, aiming to improve adherence and reduce barriers associated with daily regimens.

CMS [finalized](#) a rule that modifies multiple enrollment and eligibility policies in ACA Exchange plans, including ending the monthly special enrollment periods for low-income individuals, requiring income and eligibility verifications for premium subsidies, and shortening the annual open enrollment period. The changes, which currently apply only to the 2026 plan year, aim to reduce improper enrollments and lower premiums; however, the agency estimated 725K-1.8M individuals will lose coverage as a result.



## Healthcare law and policy news

Treasury released the [2025 Medicare Trustees Report](#), which projects the Medicare Hospital Insurance (Part A) trust fund will be insolvent by 2033, three years earlier than prior estimates. The report highlights rising healthcare costs due to demographic trends and medical innovation and calls for policy reforms to secure Medicare's long-term financial stability.

A federal judge [ruled](#) that the Trump administration's cancellation of over \$1B in NIH research grants related to diversity and LGBTQ+ issues was illegal and discriminatory, and violated federal law. NIH was ordered to restore the terminated grants.

CDC [reversed course](#) on layoffs, reinstating over 400 employees who received termination notices amid a major HHS reorganization. The rehired staff primarily come from divisions including the National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and Tuberculosis Prevention, and the National Center for Environmental Health.

Amazon is [reorganizing](#) its healthcare business, Amazon Health Services, into six distinct units, to simplify its structure and improve growth. The restructuring comes after the departure of several senior health executives and aims to better integrate Amazon's healthcare initiatives, including One Medical and Amazon Pharmacy.



Questions or comments, please send to [us-hclspractice@kpmg.com](mailto:us-hclspractice@kpmg.com).

[kpmg.com/socialmedia](https://kpmg.com/socialmedia)



[Privacy](#) | [Legal](#)

You have received this message from KPMG LLP. If you wish to unsubscribe from Around the world of U.S. healthcare in 360 words or less, please [click here](#). If you wish to unsubscribe from all KPMG communications, please [click here](#).

KPMG LLP, 3 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale, NJ 07645

© 2025 KPMG LLP, a Delaware limited liability partnership and a member firm of the KPMG global organization of independent member firms affiliated with KPMG International Limited, a private English company limited by guarantee. All rights reserved. USCS011380-1B

The KPMG name and logo are trademarks used under license by the independent member firms of the KPMG global organization.