



Around the world of US healthcare in 360 words or less



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Editor's note

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Healthcare regulatory news

CMMI intends to [launch](#) new healthcare models focused on Medicaid, representing a shift from the strategic vision [outlined last year](#). The initiatives, including the [ASPIRE](#) models and a potential new MAHA model, aim to improve outcomes by integrating traditional healthcare with lifestyle data and expanding services for specific populations like children with complex needs.

FTC Chair Andrew Ferguson [announced](#) the creation of a “Healthcare Task Force” to coordinate enforcement and advocacy efforts aimed at promoting healthcare system affordability and transparency. The task force, initially comprising several FTC bureaus and offices, will collaborate with other federal agencies and provide quarterly reports to the chair.

Some individual market proposals in the Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters [2027 Proposed Rule](#) may not be finalized this year due to tight timelines and are on a longer trajectory, [according](#) to CMS officials. The agency also stated that it will imminently release data on the number of consumers who effectuated their 2026 Marketplace enrollment by paying their first monthly premium.

HHS and CMS have [established](#) a new Healthcare Advisory Committee aiming to modernize the healthcare system. According to the announcement, the committee will advise on improving care delivery and financing for Medicare, Medicaid, and other public health programs.

Florida has [halted](#) the enrollment of new durable medical equipment (DME) providers for its Medicaid program, a move approved by CMS to address alleged fraud. Some [argue](#) this action may impede access to essential medical supplies for seniors and people with disabilities, particularly in rural areas.



Healthcare law and policy news

DOJ submitted a brief to the Supreme Court to [defend](#) the IRA's Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program, arguing against [petitions](#) from pharmaceutical companies claiming the program is unconstitutional. The brief asserts that the program is a voluntary government contracting negotiation and does not violate the First or Fifth Amendments.

A recent [KFF poll](#) reveals that nearly one-third of U.S. adults are using AI to find health information, often due to a desire for quick advice or difficulties accessing traditional care. A significant concern for healthcare providers is that over 40% of these users are uploading personal medical data to AI tools, despite privacy worries.



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