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## Healthcare regulatory news

FDA is [piloting](#) one-day, targeted inspectional assessments to broaden surveillance coverage and optimize resource allocation across lower-risk facilities. Early data [indicates](#)

high compliance and enhanced risk-modeling efficiency, establishing these shorter evaluations as a strategic complement to the agency's standard regulatory framework.

HHS agencies, including ACF, SAMHSA, and HRSA, are [coordinating](#) a new initiative to address concerns about potential psychiatric drug overprescription by promoting informed consent and greater use of nonpharmacological treatments. The plan [includes](#) new guidance supporting deprescribing reimbursement, provider education efforts, and an upcoming SAMHSA report on reducing inappropriate prescribing.

CMS has [launched](#) an initiative mandating that electronic prior authorization interfaces for federal insurance plans go live by January 1, 2027. The program establishes cross-sector working groups to synchronize technical handoffs and align interoperability deadlines across MA Medicaid, and Marketplace platforms.

The Trump administration [projects](#) up to \$529B in savings over 10 years across all insurance markets through prospective "most favored nation" pricing agreements with 17 pharmaceutical firms, aiming to align drug costs with high-income international peers. The operational framework for implementation in commercial markets, however, [remains](#) undefined and the specific terms of the corporate agreements are currently confidential.



## Healthcare law and policy news

[According to a KFF poll](#), although concerns regarding chemical food additives, pesticides, and corporate influence are widely shared among both the public and Make America Health Again (MAHA) supporters, lowering healthcare costs remains the dominant priority and voting motivator across all groups. Further, while the MAHA movement leans mostly Republican, overall voter trust in managing food safety and health agency independence remains either evenly divided between the major parties or slightly favors Democrats.

Major health insurers [reported](#) solid first-quarter results supported by seasonal factors, higher pricing, and strengthened medical reserves. Because of a lag in claims processing

for many hospital procedures, however, the upcoming second quarter will likely [reveal more](#) about underlying cost trends.

Congressional Medicaid advisors (MACPAC) [recommended](#) that CMS establish a transparent framework to monitor the impact of upcoming national work requirements on enrollment, health outcomes, and administrative costs. The proposal, slated for the June 2026 report to Congress, emphasizes utilizing existing state data systems to minimize administrative burden while maintaining a low federal fiscal impact.



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