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Healthcare regulatory news

As part of its nationwide crackdown on fraud, CMS has [imposed](#) a six-month moratorium on new Medicare enrollments for hospices and home health agencies, while [expanding](#) a claims review demonstration in six states. Concurrently, the agency is [withholding](#) a record \$1.3B in Medicaid funding from California due to the state's failure to adequately

address alleged healthcare fraud, with Vice President JD Vance [warning](#) all states about federal funding freezes if they do not enforce stricter program integrity measures.

Administration for Community Living (ACL) has launched the first phase of the [Health at Home Challenge](#), a competition offering incentives to community care networks that partner with healthcare providers to integrate services for dually eligible beneficiaries. The initiative aims to scale care for up to 1M individuals by addressing infrastructure barriers and incentivizing the deployment of AI to reduce costs and increase patient independence.

The Trump administration [proposed](#) a new [rule](#) allowing employers to offer IVF and infertility treatments as a limited excepted benefit with a \$120,000 lifetime cap. In tandem, HHS launched [Moms.gov](#) to provide health, nutritional, and financial resources for new and expecting parents. The actions aim to advance the administration's [broader](#) family health objectives and efforts to reduce maternal mortality.



Healthcare law and policy news

According to internal CMS documents obtained by NOTUS, roughly 20% of ACA Marketplace enrollees have [lost coverage](#) so far this year for failing to pay their first premium, a notable increase from the 12% dropout rate in 2025. While the agency attributes the elevated cancellation rate to aggressive new anti-fraud measures, many industry experts have cited lower subsidies as a significant driver.

The House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee [approved](#) bipartisan legislation, [HR 2821](#), to reduce animal testing for drugs and boost the development of alternative research technologies. Following its Senate passage, the bill advances a federal shift toward modernized methodologies like organ-on-a-chip and computer modeling to replace traditional animal studies.

CDC is [monitoring](#) 16 additional people for hantavirus symptoms after they were exposed to an infected passenger on a flight. This brings the total number of individuals under observation in the United States to 41, which includes 18 repatriated cruise ship passengers currently quarantined in Omaha and Atlanta.



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