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Healthcare regulatory news

HHS [warned](#) hospitals they must [immediately](#) comply with federal price transparency laws or face daily-accumulating fines up to \$2M annually. Since April 1, CMS has audited facilities and [issued](#) non-compliance notices to more than 500 hospitals.

CMS [established](#) a new technology office named the Office of Health Technology and Products (OHTP), aiming to accelerate the modernization of its core healthcare programs.

Collaborating with the CMS Chief Information Officer, OHTP will lead enterprise strategy and implementation of AI across CMS digital products and platforms, [recruit](#) top technical talent, develop open-source technologies, and enforce API-based data interoperability standards.

FDA held a [public hearing](#) regarding the [Commissioner's National Priority Voucher \(CNPV\) program](#), an initiative designed to expedite reviews for critical drugs and biologics. While stakeholders praised the potential to accelerate access to therapies, they raised [concerns](#) regarding transparency, legal vulnerabilities, and insufficient involvement of career officials and medical specialists.

NIH is [proposing](#) a cap of two to four concurrent grants per principal investigator to distribute its \$38B budget more broadly, reviving a similar [2017 initiative](#) aimed at funding a wider pool of researchers to maximize scientific productivity and innovation. Although policy experts [support](#) the principle of redistributing research funds, they express skepticism regarding logistical implementation due to recent NIH staff shortages and the burden on researchers already navigating other funding changes.

HHS and the Department of Education announced an [initiative](#) to integrate nutrition education into U.S. medical training to combat the nation's chronic disease epidemic. As of June 12, 73 medical schools have signed the [Nutrition Education Pledge](#), committing to incorporating 40 hours of nutrition education into their curricula.



Healthcare law and policy news

A GAO [report](#) estimates Medicare overspent \$7.6B on hospice routine home care from 2022 to 2024 due to a flat daily payment rate that incentivizes fewer patient visits. GAO [urged](#) Congress to reform the payment system to prevent further excess spending.

According to its latest [report](#), the Medicare Trust Fund's reserves are projected to [deplete](#) in 2033, leaving the program able to cover only 89% of scheduled inpatient and hospital benefits. This accelerated timeline, one quarter earlier than previous estimates, is driven by higher healthcare utilization, increased Medicare Advantage spending, and reduced tax revenues.



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