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Healthcare regulatory news

FDA [launched](#) the PreCheck pilot program to strengthen the domestic pharmaceutical supply chain. The initiative is designed to increase regulatory predictability and streamline the assessment of new manufacturing facilities in the U.S. before a product application is submitted.

The HHS health information technology office, ASTP/ONC, released a [RFI](#) on incorporating diagnostic imaging criteria into the Health IT Certification Program. The

initiative aims to improve the electronic access, exchange, and use of diagnostic images for patients and providers, addressing issues like proprietary formats and the limitations of physical media.

Oklahoma's governor issued an [executive order](#) to reassert state regulatory authority over Medicare Advantage (MA) plans, addressing [reported](#) issues like improper denials and financial burdens on providers. The order limits prior authorizations, bars certain marketing tactics, and mandates that MA plans maintain adequate provider networks with appropriate and timely payment.



Healthcare law and policy news

The White House [launched](#) TrumpRx.gov, a drug pricing website aimed at lowering pharmaceutical costs. The site offers discounts on about 40 drugs by allowing customers to purchase them directly from manufacturers or use coupons at pharmacies. The new tool is expected to primarily benefit uninsured Americans, as most individuals can secure lower costs through their health insurance coverage.

President Trump [signed](#) an appropriations minibus to fund HHS and other agencies through September 30, ending a brief government shutdown. The legislation also enacts [significant healthcare provisions](#), including new rules for pharmacy benefit managers, a two-year extension of telehealth flexibilities, and several other health program extenders.

According to a new [report](#) from the HHS OIG, genetic testing now comprises a significant and growing portion of Medicare Part B laboratory spending, increasing from 18% of the total in 2018 to 43% in 2024. This trend is marked by a 20% year-over-year spending increase on these tests, which reached \$3.6B in 2024.

In efforts to improve the accuracy of Medicaid rate-setting and address persistent workforce shortages by providing more transparent and detailed wage data, the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) has [recommended](#) that HHS require states to publicly report hourly wages paid to home- and community-based services (HCBS) workers.



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