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## **Editor's note**

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## **Healthcare regulatory news**

The CMS Innovation Center intends to [pursue](#) more mandatory payment models to push more providers, especially lower-performing ones, into value-based care arrangements, according to recent comments by CMMI Director Abe Sutton. Agency officials assert this strategy is necessary to overcome the limitations of voluntary programs and accelerate the transition away from the traditional fee-for-service system.

FDA [issued](#) 30 warning letters to telehealth companies for making false or misleading claims about the compounded GLP-1 products they offer online. The alleged violations involved suggesting these non-approved drugs were the same as FDA-approved products and obscuring the source of the compounded medications.

RecoveryAI [announced](#) it received Breakthrough Device Designation for its Virtual Care Assistants, a prescription –prescribed generative AI chatbot designed to assist patients recovering from joint replacement surgery. The action may [provide](#) early indications of the FDA's approach to regulating future AI clinical tools.



## Healthcare law and policy news

Congressional Democrats [requested](#) that the Trump administration provide details on the [GLOBE](#), [GUARD](#), and [GENEROUS](#) drug pricing models proposed by the CMS Innovation Center, warning that separate "most favored nation" deals struck between the White House and pharmaceutical companies could create loopholes exempting them from the new models.

According to a KFF [analysis](#), budget pressures are leading states to restrict access to HIV medications provided through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program's AIDS Drug Assistance Programs. With largely flat federal funding and rising enrollment, drug prices, and insurance costs, at least 18 states have implemented cost-containment measures including lowering income eligibility, reducing covered medications, or limiting insurance assistance.

MedPAC presented early results of an analysis [indicating](#) that MA networks are generally stable with high provider participation, but experience notable mid-year provider churn. Despite 3% growth in network size by mid-year, the median plan loses approximately 6% of its primary care providers and 4% of specialists during the same period due to factors like retirement, relocation, or contract changes.

CDC is [deploying staff](#) to South Carolina to help contain the country's largest measles outbreak in decades, which is approaching 1,000 cases. A 70% increase in vaccination response in February appears to be slowing infections, however, CDC disease detectives are being sent to analyze data and understand the outbreak's transmission chains.



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