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Healthcare regulatory news

HHS may be [reorganized and renamed](#) to consolidate and trim federal health and welfare program spending... HHS launched the [Division for Research, Innovation and Ventures](#) to spur development of technologies for detection and treatment of infectious diseases... FDA Commissioner [Scott Gottlieb announced changes](#) to modernize the Office of New Drugs to improve drug approval efficiency... FDA [approved the first biosimilar to Neulasta](#), which reduces the risk of infection for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.

[HHS OIG's semiannual report](#) to Congress details activities to combat fraud, waste, and abuse in federal healthcare programs... [GAO reported](#) that federal and state auditors identified \$68 million in overpayments and unallowable costs in Medicaid managed care plans over the past 5 years... HHS [delayed the effective date](#) of the 340B ceiling prices and manufacturer penalties until July 2019, the fifth such delay.



Healthcare law and policy news

The Justice Department will [challenge the constitutionality](#) of the ACA...The [Medicare Trustees estimate](#) that the Trust Fund will be exhausted by 2026, three years earlier than projected last year...[OIG reported](#) that brand-name drug spending in Medicare Part D increased 77% between 2011 and 2015, despite a 17% decrease in prescriptions... Anthem's [PBM reported](#) that managing pharmacy and medical benefits together helped reduce drug price increases from 6% to 2%... Sanofi [reported that its net drug prices](#) decreased last year... HHS [may announce negotiated](#) insulin price cuts as early as next week.

Virginia's Governor [signed Medicaid expansion into law](#) (the 33rd state plus DC to do so); the Commonwealth will seek 1115 waiver approval for enrollee work requirements and additional premiums and co-pays for some enrollees.... A [Maine Superior Judge ordered](#) Governor LePage's administration to file paperwork by June 11 to expand Medicaid; LePage [appealed the decision](#)... Insurers are seeking average ACA plan premium increases next year in [New York](#) (24%), [Washington](#) (19.1%), and [Pennsylvania](#) (4.9%).

OMB Associate Director Joe Grogan told the [ACO Summit](#) that ACOs need to "accept risk sooner" and that CMMI has failed to produce promised savings... [AHRQ reported](#) that hospital safety efforts reduced hospital acquired conditions by 8% between 2014 and 2016, saving 8,000 lives and \$2.9 billion ... CMS launched a [Medicaid "Scorecard"](#) to track performance of states' programs.





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