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Healthcare regulatory news

FDA Commissioner [Scott Gottlieb gave e-cigarette companies](#) 60 days to submit plans for curbing youth vaping, warning that their products may be pulled from the market... FDA [unveiled the agency's plan](#) to combat antibiotic resistance...FDA issued a [draft memorandum of understanding](#) for state oversight of compounded medicines... FDA [issued guidance](#) for development of therapeutically equivalent generics to specific reference products...

[FDA approved](#) new Apple Watches to conduct electrocardiograms and [alert users](#) of potential atrial fibrillation.

A District Court [vacated the 2014 CMS rule](#) on Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO) overpayments... OMB [began review](#) of the 2020 Medicare Advantage and Part D program [proposed rule](#)... CMS [guidance details](#) how individuals can claim a hardship exemption from the individual mandate tax penalty in 2018.



Healthcare law and policy news

The Senate plans to [vote on an opioid package](#) on [Monday](#)... an industry alliance [launched a new private-sector alternative payment model](#) to address addiction recovery through patient-centered medical homes.

A [NAMD survey found](#) that delivery system reform, IT upgrades, and behavioral health are the most common priorities for state Medicaid directors... [California law](#) now gives state regulators more authority to impose conditions on “major” proposed insurance mergers... Michigan [submitted an 1115 waiver](#) to impose work requirements on Medicaid expansion beneficiaries... [Nebraska’s Supreme Court struck down an appeal](#) to prevent a Medicaid expansion referendum... Maryland [sued HHS, DOJ, and IRS](#) to uphold the [ACA’s constitutionality](#).

An [industry study](#) found that MSSP ACOs saved Medicare \$542 million between 2013 and 2015, compared to CMS estimates of \$344 million in increased Medicare costs... The Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) voted to [recommend one APM](#) for implementation and [two others](#) for limited scale testing.

[The Census Bureau reported that 8.8%](#) of Americans were uninsured in 2017, an insignificant change from 2016... CDC found that [more than 35% of residents are obese](#) in 7 states...A [NORC-University of Chicago poll](#) found that 77% of Americans believe drug prices are “unreasonable” and only 23% approved of President Trump’s [drug policy proposals](#)... [85% of insured Amazon Prime members](#) said they would purchase prescription drugs on the Amazon site... [Navigant](#) found no correlation

between higher hospital revenues and better operating margins between 2015 and 2017.



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