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### Healthcare regulatory news

[CMS announced 2023 Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan premiums and deductibles, including a 7.79% decrease in MA premiums... CMS released an RFI seeking input on establishing a centralized data hub for healthcare provider directory information.](#)

[FDA granted approval for Roche's PATHWAY anti-HER2/neu Rabbit Monoclonal Primary Antibody test](#) to help identify metastatic breast cancer patients with low HER2 expression.

[ASPE found 1,216 prescription drugs exceeded the inflation rate](#) of 8.5% from July 2021 to July 2022, averaging a price increase of 31.6%.

[FTC Chair Lina Khan announced the agency would use all tools available to investigate the practices of pharmacy benefit managers.](#)

HHS awarded [\\$266M in funding](#) to grow and improve the community and public health workforce... ASPR/BARDA awarded a [multi-year contract to Vir Biotechnology with up to \\$1B](#) for the development of a portfolio of solutions to address influenza and other infectious diseases.

Starting October 6<sup>th</sup>, HHS [information blocking rules no longer limit the definition of electronic health information](#) to USCDI v1.

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## Healthcare law and policy news

The [Office of Science and Technology Policy \(OSTP\) released an artificial intelligence \(AI\) Bill of Rights](#), identifying principles to guide the design, use, and deployment of automated systems.

The Congressional Budget Office ([CBO](#)) [reviewed insurance premiums](#) and concluded that capping prices/price growth would yield moderate to large price reductions in comparison to alternatives for reducing commercial health premiums.

[Anthem must face a DOJ False Claims Act lawsuit](#) alleging it submitted inaccurate diagnosis data resulting in \$100M in Medicare overpayments.

New studies found: (1) [telehealth is preferred to routine in-person care](#) for convenience; (2) [areas with the fewest personal care aids per capita have the highest percentage of adults with self-care difficulty disability](#).

Q3 [digital health funding \(\\$2.2B\) was](#) the lowest amount raised since Q4 2019... [UnitedHealth Group completed its acquisition of Change Healthcare](#)... [Francisco Partners will acquire bswift](#) from CVS Health... [TPG Capital acquired ClaimsXten for \\$2.2B](#).

A [West Health-Gallup poll](#) indicates 44% of Americans think the U.S. health care system is poor or failing.

A [hospital price transparency compliance report](#) found only 14.3% of hospitals are posting complete price lists in compliance with the hospital price transparency rule.

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## Special Section: COVID-19 and Monkeypox News

[HHS amended the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness \(PREP\) Act](#) to expand the categories of providers authorized to administer vaccines and therapeutics against monkeypox.

The [CDC reported the spread of monkeypox is slowing](#); however, the virus is so widespread that domestic transmission is unlikely to be eliminated in the near future.

[CDC data shows only 11.5M people have received an updated COVID booster](#) since the start of September.... [CDC ended country-specific COVID travel health notices](#).

The [Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology \(APIC\) urged healthcare members to continue universal masking policies](#) to protect against COVID-19.

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