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### Healthcare regulatory news

[HHS announced that over half of all states expanded Medicaid and CHIP coverage from 2 months to 12 months after pregnancy](#), permitted by the American Rescue Plan... [Enrollment on HealthCare.gov increased by 53% and 49% for Latino and Black enrollees, respectively, from 2020 to 2022](#); White enrollment increased 11% over the same period.

FDA released: (1) guidance on [grouping and ordering multiple endpoints in clinical trials](#) to avoid making erroneous conclusions; (2) guidance on [developing gene therapies for neurodegenerative diseases](#); (3) [proposed guidance priorities list](#) for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH); and, (4) [draft guidance on how the Breakthrough Devices program may be applicable to certain medical devices](#) that provide more effective treatment or diagnosis in populations impacted by healthcare disparities.

[FDA approved Johnson & Johnson's Tecvayli](#) to treat adult patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma.

[HRSA referred Merck to HHS' OIG](#) for failing to provide the 340B statutory ceiling price to covered entities utilizing contract pharmacies... [HRSA awarded \\$13M to strengthen the nursing workforce](#).

CMS announced its [Special Focus Facilities program will increase scrutiny and oversight](#) of poor-performing nursing facilities.

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## Healthcare law and policy news

[The Biden Administration launched "window-shopping" for the Marketplace](#), allowing consumers to preview health coverage options prior to the 2023 Marketplace Open Enrollment period.

Kaiser Family Foundation annual surveys show: (1) [states expect slowed growth in Medicaid enrollment](#) in FY 2022 will continue to decline in FY 2023; (2) the [average annual family premium for employer-sponsored insurance is \\$22,463 this year](#), up \$242 from last year.

Doximity surveyed 600 physicians and found [95% of physicians are interested in learning about innovative treatments](#), but are overwhelmed by the volume of information.

[Centene selected Express Scripts as its new pharmacy benefit manager... Verily is collaborating with the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation](#) to create a registry of patients with IBD for clinical trials... [Evidation launched FluSmart](#), which uses wearable data to detect flu-like symptoms.

[Walmart Health will open 16 health centers](#) in Florida in 2023... [JPMorgan Chase partnered with Vera Whole Health](#) to pilot office-based clinics for its employees.

A study found ED encounter patients with [telehealth follow-ups were likelier to return to the ED than in-person follow-up patients](#).

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## Special Section: COVID-19 and Monkeypox News

A [CDC study found](#) that Black and Hispanic COVID-19 patients were 36% and 30% less likely to receive Paxlovid, Pfizer's oral antiviral treatment for COVID-19, than their White and non-Hispanic counterparts, respectively.

[Pfizer announced plans to charge between \\$110 and \\$130 per dose for its COVID-19 vaccine](#) after the U.S. government's purchasing program ends next year.

White House coronavirus response coordinator [Ashish Jha warned that some of the main tools used to protect the immunocompromised from COVID-19, like Evusheld, may not work against emerging subvariants](#).

[CMS announced Medicaid and CHIP coverage for updated COVID-19 vaccines is available for eligible covered children](#).

[CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report showed](#) in a cohort of patients hospitalized for monkeypox, 4 of 5 were coinfecting with HIV and 1 in 5 died.

The [seven-day average of reported U.S. monkeypox cases hit the lowest point](#), 30 cases on October 26, since June 24.

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