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## Editor's note

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## Healthcare regulatory news

CMS will cover FDA-approved amyloid-targeting Alzheimer's drugs [if the prescribing physician participates in a clinical registry](#).

OMB is reviewing proposed rules for: (1) [potential remedies](#) for [unlawful 340B hospital payment rate cuts](#) from 2018-2022; and, (2) long-term care facility [minimum staffing standards](#).

FDA approved [Pfizer's RSV vaccine for individuals age 60+...](#) FDA [proposed](#) a [new, standardized one-page Patient Medication Information](#) document requirement for prescription drug labels... FDA [issued warning letters to 30 retailers](#) of unauthorized disposable e-cigarettes.

HHS [lifted COVID-19 vaccination/testing requirements](#) for healthcare workers, while [encouraging vaccination through quality reporting and value-based incentives](#).

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## Healthcare law and policy news

The House ([314-117](#)) and Senate ([63-36](#)) passed [legislation](#) to suspend the debt ceiling until January 2025. It would also [claw back approximately \\$28B in unspent COVID-19 funds](#), while retaining \$5B for Project NextGen; [cap discretionary spending](#) for FY2024 and FY2025; and [expand SNAP work requirements](#). President Biden will sign the bill.

President Biden reportedly [plans to nominate Mandy Cohen](#) as CDC Director.

A federal [appeals court ruled](#) that the [Sackler family is shielded from current/future opioid epidemic-related civil claims](#) due to their contribution to Purdue Pharma's bankruptcy settlement... Eli Lilly will: (1) [pay \\$13.5M to settle a class-action suit](#) alleging it systematically overpriced insulin, and (2) continue its \$35/month cap on out-of-pocket insulin costs for four years.

BJC and Saint Luke's [plan to merge](#) into a [28-hospital, \\$10B system](#)... Coherus BioSciences plans to [sell a Humira biosimilar at a 85% discount](#) (\$995/carton) and partner with Mark Cuban Cost Plus Drug Company [to make it available for about \\$579](#)... OptumRx [launched initiatives to support independent and rural pharmacies](#) in addressing care gaps, including in maternal/fetal health... Oak Street Health [will expand into four additional states](#) (25 total).

Altarum reported [healthcare prices increased 3.4% year-over-year in April](#), the fastest rate since December 2007... Definitive Healthcare [reported utilization at retail clinics](#) has [increased 200% over the past five years](#)... A [JAMA study found](#) the forthcoming Medicare Part D \$2,000 out-of-pocket cap [could lower costs for 125,000+ beneficiaries using "ultra-expensive" drugs](#) as they switch from commercial insurance to Part D coverage.

KFF Health News reported [600,000+ Medicaid beneficiaries have been disenrolled](#) since April 1, a majority due to "procedural reasons."

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