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Healthcare regulatory news

FDA approved (1) [Pfizer's vaccine for pregnant individuals](#) to prevent RSV in infants; and (2) the [first biosimilar to treat multiple sclerosis](#).

CMS issued [guidance](#) on the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan, allowing [Part D beneficiaries to spread cost sharing over the year](#) through capped monthly payments.

CMS [reported MSSP ACOs saved Medicare \\$1.8B](#) compared to benchmarks in 2022.

CMS [outlined actions to address hospice benefit integrity issues](#), including possible administrative action against nearly 400 hospices.

CMS [determined that coverage](#) under the National Coverage Determination for anti-amyloid monoclonal antibody Alzheimer's treatments does not meet the "significant cost" threshold and Medicare Advantage plans and others must assume the costs based on coverage criteria.

ARPA-H [launched a project on mRNA technologies](#) to fight cancer and other diseases.

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Healthcare law and policy news

Boehringer Ingelheim [sued](#) to [block implementation](#) of the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program... STAT reported [drug manufacturers increased \(median of 3.4%\) wholesale prices of 123 drugs](#) on July 1, the most mid-year increases since 2013.

[Teva](#) and [Glenmark](#) will pay \$225M and \$30M, respectively, [through deferred prosecution agreements to resolve criminal price-fixing charges](#).

CVS [launched Cordavis](#) to commercialize and/or co-produce biosimilars... Oak Street and Strive Health [announced a multiyear kidney care collaboration](#)... Cigna [removed 25% of medical services \(600+ codes\)](#) from prior authorization... Epic [announced a "showroom" for third-party vendor programs](#) to replace its app market.

An [HSR study found](#) low-income Medicare beneficiaries and patients of color are more likely than white and high-income patients to be discharged from home health without functional improvements... CDC [reported 20% of women experienced](#) mistreatment while receiving maternity care.

USPSTF [updated its HIV preexposure prophylaxis \(PrEP\) coverage recommendation](#) to include [a long-acting injectable](#) form.

A [KFF poll found](#) 34% of US adults "definitely" or "probably" believe the false claim that COVID-19 vaccines have caused thousands of sudden deaths in otherwise healthy people.

A [Business Group on Health survey of large employers found](#) 77% reported increased workforce mental health needs, up from 44% last year; and 64% thought virtual care would transform care delivery, down from 85% in 2021... Third Way [reported 23.5% of middle-income Americans](#) (\$50,000-\$100,000/year) have unpaid medical bills, more than lower income (22%) and higher income (12.9%) individuals.

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