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Healthcare regulatory news

HHS released its [Fall 2023 Regulatory Agenda](#).

CMS [issued an interim final rule](#) enforcing penalties on state Medicaid programs found non-compliant with eligibility redetermination requirements... OMB is [reviewing](#) the 2025 Medicare Advantage advance notice.

HHS [released a concept paper](#) outlining its health sector cybersecurity strategy... HHS, FTC, and Justice Department [highlighted recent efforts](#) to promote competition and lower health care costs.

Commerce Department [issued a framework for government agencies to consider using “march-in rights”](#) (i.e., seizing patents) for expensive prescription drugs supported by federal funding.

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Healthcare law and policy news

Nearly [7.3M individuals have enrolled](#) in 2024 marketplace coverage... North Carolina [Medicaid expansion began December 1](#), extending eligibility to 600,000 residents.

The Supreme Court [heard oral arguments over a \\$6B Purdue Pharma bankruptcy settlement](#) shielding the Sackler family from current/future opioid-related lawsuits.

Roche will [acquire Carmot Therapeutics](#) (\$2.7B upfront) and its obesity drug candidate... AstraZeneca [will collaborate with Absci \(up to \\$247M\)](#) on an AI-enabled cancer antibody... Abbvie [will acquire Cerevel Therapeutics](#) (\$8.7B), strengthening its neuroscience pipeline.

CVS Health [announced a “cost plus” model](#), CostVantage, for prescription drug reimbursement at its retail pharmacies... CVS [rebranded its health services business](#) to CVS Healthspire... Elevance Health’s PBM is [launching a digital pharmacy](#), CarelonRx.

Joint Commission is [launching a voluntary hospital certification program](#) for “responsible use” of health data.

Fitch Ratings [projected nonprofit hospitals will operate](#) under continued labor shortages and “pressured” margins in 2024... A [HealthView Services analysis projected](#) average 2024 Part D premiums will increase 42% to 57% in the five states with the highest number of Medicare enrollees... A [KFF survey found](#) 18%, 11%, 10%, and 12% of Black, Hispanic, Asian, and AIAN adults, respectively, report being treated unfairly/disrespectfully by a health provider in the past 3 years, compared to just 3% of White adults... A [Physicians Advocacy](#)

[Institute-commissioned survey found](#) approximately [60% of physicians believe non-physician practice ownership](#) (e.g., hospital, VC, PE) reduces care quality.

The [Senate](#) and [House](#) plan to vote next week on a sweeping opioid addiction bill reauthorizing several SUPPORT Act programs... the House also plans to vote on a [PBM, insurer, and hospital transparency bill](#)... Senate Budget Committee [launched a bipartisan investigation](#) into effects of private equity ownership of hospitals.



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