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Healthcare regulatory news

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [finalized regulations removing consideration of use of public health benefits](#), such as Medicaid, from legal immigration determinations.

An FDA advisory committee [voted to approve an Amylyx Pharmaceuticals drug to treat ALS](#), reversing the same group's vote against the drug in March.

Office of the Inspector General (OIG) identified [over 1,700 providers with first-year-pandemic telehealth billing practices posing a high risk of fraud, waste, or abuse to FFS Medicare](#), totaling \$127.7M in payments.

The [FTC will investigate Amazon's \\$3.9B acquisition](#) of One Medical, possibly delaying completion of the deal.



Healthcare law and policy news

[Walmart and UnitedHealth Group agreed to 10-year collaboration](#) to expand value-based-care through Walmart Health locations, including launch of a co-branded Medicare Advantage plan.

[CVS Health will acquire](#) home health provider Signify Health for \$8B...[Novo Nordisk will acquire Forma Therapeutics](#) for \$1.1B to expand its Sickle Cell Disease portfolio...[Roche will acquire Good Therapeutics](#) to bolster immuno-oncology offering...UAE-based [Pure Health will invest \\$500M in Ardent Health Services](#), the fourth-largest acute care hospital operator in U.S...European Commission ordered Illumina to [unwind its \\$7B acquisition of cancer startup Grail contrary to last week's U.S.-court ruling](#) in favor of Illumina.

A federal judge ruled that the [Affordable Care Act coverage mandate for HIV prevention medications violates religious rights](#).

A JAMA study found that [private-equity-controlled physician practices charged 20% more per claim](#) and saw 26% more unique patients, compared to control group of independent practices.

New studies found: (1) [Google's new AI model performed on par with radiologists at detecting tuberculosis](#) on chest X-rays; (2) [Similarities between common chronic pain and lung cancer metabolic pathways](#), opening the possibility to research new treatments for both; (3) [Pharmaceutical companies may be violating the federal anti-kickback statute](#) by potentially profiting from charitable donations to subsidize patients' drug costs.

[CDC data show nearly 22% of U.S. adults received mental health treatment](#) in 2021, compared to 19% in 2019.

[Virginia's Advanced Pharma Manufacturing \(APM\) cluster was awarded \\$53M](#) to expand the domestic supply chain for essential medicines and active ingredients.

[Bayer will pay \\$40M to settle whistleblower lawsuits](#) alleging the company violated the False Claims Act.

Special Section: COVID-19 and Monkeypox News

A new study (not yet peer-reviewed) found that two doses of the [Monkeypox vaccine induce relatively low levels of neutralizing antibodies](#), although the protective role of neutralizing antibodies is unclear.

The Biden Administration signaled that [majority of individuals will only require an annual COVID-19 booster](#) moving forward.

[The Biden Administration is requesting \\$22.4B in emergency funding](#) as part of the short-term continuing resolution (CR) to meet immediate domestic needs and ongoing COVID-19 research and response.



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