

Friends:

For 289 weeks, it has been my pleasure to send you “Around the World of Healthcare in 360 words or less,” so it is with mixed emotions, that I announce that this will be my last edition of ATW 360. After more than 8 wonderful years at KPMG, I will step away from the partnership at the end of this fiscal year (September 30th). I could not have hit send on ATW 360 every week without the tireless support and assistance of my long-time colleagues and friends, Tracey McCutcheon and Ross White. I extend my deep thanks and gratitude to both Tracey and Ross for their contributions to this publication and for all they have done to make the Center for Healthcare Regulatory Insight such a resounding success at KPMG. Ross has been a driving force behind ATW 360 and I am very pleased that he has agreed to carry the ATW 360 torch going forward. I am sure ATW 360 will only get better with Ross White at the helm.

Thanks again for allowing me and the Center into your inbox every Friday... no more weekly e-mails from me, but I look forward to seeing you around the world of healthcare when our paths cross again.

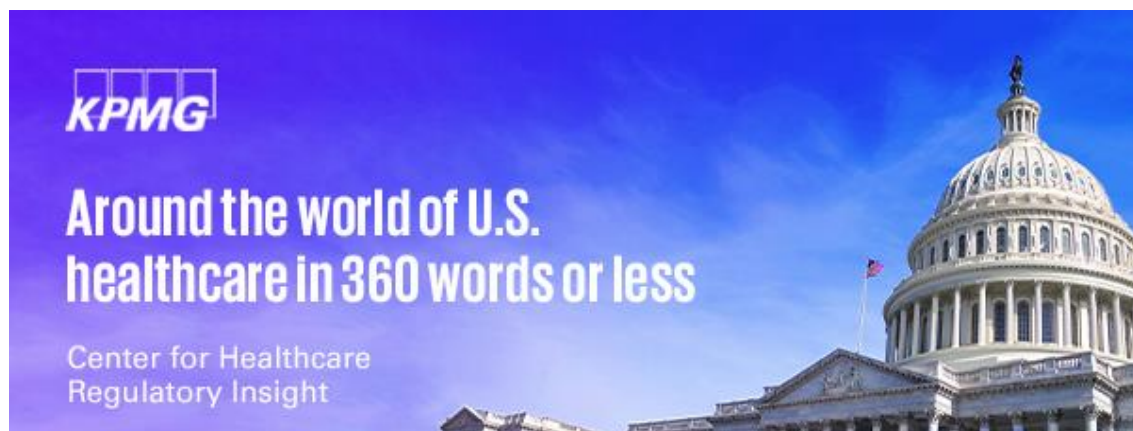
Best,

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### Editor's note

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### Healthcare regulatory news

CMS issued a [final rule](#) to [streamline Medicare Savings Program enrollment](#)... CMS/IRS/Labor [proposed revised fees](#) for filing arbitration cases under the *No Surprises Act*; CMS [instructed independent dispute resolution entities to resume processing](#) certain disputes.

HHS [reported nearly 500,000 individuals](#) were [improperly disenrolled from Medicaid/CHIP](#) during coverage redeterminations.

FDA approved [a GSK blood cancer treatment](#) and [declined to approve](#) the first epinephrine nasal spray... FDA [issued draft guidance](#) to revise labeling practices for biosimilar and interchangeable products.

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### Healthcare law and policy news

HHS [awarded \\$600M to increase COVID-19 test manufacturing/supply](#) and relaunched COVIDTests.gov to deliver free tests to households.

FTC [sued U.S. Anesthesia Partners and its private equity](#) supporter for allegedly scheming to monopolize the anesthesiology market in Texas.

Boston Scientific [agreed to acquire Relievant Medsystems](#) (\$850M)...  
Mallinckrodt [is considering selling](#) its opioid business... Oracle Health [announced integration of a voice-enabled generative AI digital assistant](#) into its Millennium EHR... Select Health, an Intermountain subsidiary, [will become one of the first health plans offering member access](#) to Mark Cuban Cost Plus Drug Company products/services... A group of PBMs [launched an advocacy coalition](#) to support PBM legislative reforms.

A [Commonwealth Fund survey found 19% of Medicare beneficiaries](#) age 65+ were underinsured in 2022 and 23% reported challenges affording their premiums... A [KFF analysis found 19% of nursing facilities](#) would meet hours per resident day requirements of CMS' nurse staffing requirements proposed rule.

A [BMJ study found](#) nurse practitioners and physician assistants delivered 25.6% of US healthcare visits in December 2019, up from 14% in January 2013... A [JAMA study found](#) total medical expenditures (out-of-pocket costs and public insurance coverage) of low-income, immigrant, working-age adults (\$3,800/person/year) are less than half the corresponding expenditures of similar US-born adults (\$9,428)... A [JAMA study found](#) little correlation between hospitals' self-posted online prices and prices offered by telephone to secret shoppers... A [Pediatrics study found](#) ADHD medication errors nearly tripled 2000 to 2021, likely attributable to increased prescribing.

USPSTF [recommended](#) pregnant women be [screened for hypertensive disorders at every prenatal visit](#).

Senate HELP Committee [advanced](#) a \$26B [primary care and workforce bill](#)... The House [abandoned plans to vote](#) on the [Lower Costs, More Transparency Act](#) this week under suspension of the rules.



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