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Agenda



Federal Government Reinvention

- Deregulatory Agenda
- HHS Reorganization and Downsizing
- Executive Order Highlights: Make America Healthy Again, Price Transparency
- Congressional Priorities
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State Momentum

- AI
- Prior Authorization
- Data Privacy



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Increased Private Sector Activity

- Self-Regulation
- Other Industry Updates (e.g., payers, providers, digital health, etc.)



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Federal Government Reinvention

State Impacts Private Sector Activity



Federal Government Reinvention

- Deregulatory Agenda
- HHS Reorganization
- Healthcare Leadership
- Executive Order Highlights



Deregulation Agenda: Workforce Shrinking and New Policy Slows

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Downsized Workforce

• Layoffs and voluntary resignation programs

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- Credit freezes and a central database to review contracts and grant
- Hiring freezes impact academic medical centers

Deregulation Agenda

- Shrinking federal government and limits to rules & guidance documents (e.g., 10 for 1 Deregulation EO)
- Uncertainty regarding future federal workforce needs

Timelines

• Litigation will take time

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• Scale of impact from the prior 72 days will also take time to assess

President Trump's healthcare leadership team is only beginning to take shape...

How will they navigate this new environment?



HHS Reorganization | Make America Healthy Again Transformation

HHS announced a dramatic restructuring of the agency with four major pillars:

Workforce	Streamline	Combat Chronic	Improve Patient
Reduction	Functions	Illness	Experience

Structural Changes	Workforc	Workforce Reduction Details			
 Two New Offices New Assistant Secretary for Enforcement Office of Strategy One New Division New Administration for Healthy America 	 FDA 3,500 employees CDC 2,400 employees 	 NIH 1,200 employees CMS 300 employees 			



HHS Announcement | Operating Divisions

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CMS Federal Insurance Programs	CDC Public Health	FDA Medical Devices, Pharma	NIH Biomedical Research	ASPR National Disaster, Emergency Response	HRSA Grants and Other Research	AHRQ Safety, Quality of Care Research



HHS Announcement | Office of Secretary



Trump Administration: Healthcare Leadership



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*Requires Senate confirmation

MAHA Commission: Addressing the Chronic Disease Epidemic



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ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENT'S MAKE AMERICA HEALTHY AGAIN COMMISSION

The White House February 13, 2025

"Advise and assist the President" on how to best inform Americans of the chronic disease crisis Data-driven report identifying the cause of **childhood chronic disease**, with global comparisons and education evaluations Recommendations for restructuring the **federal government's response** to childhood chronic disease



Price Transparency: New EO reaffirms old policy stance, may lead to new requirements



Directs tri-agencies (HHS, DOL, Treasury) to issue new guidance or regulations on **enforcement**

Calls for new guidelines to make the data **standardized** and **comparable**

Prohibits hospitals and health plans from listing **estimates**



Congress Is Unlikely to Act on AI This Year

U.S. Senate

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HELP Chair Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

SFC Chair Mike Crapo (R-ID)

Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD)

U.S. House



House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA)

- E&C Chair Brett Guthrie (R-KY)
- E&C Health Subcommittee Chair Buddy Carter (R-GA)



State Momentum

- Al
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State Updates: States are busy regulating, where the federal government lags

AI

- States adopting "high-risk" bills modeled after Colorado, including:
 - MD, NE, NM
 - VA Governor vetoed Al legislation
- Increase in health-specific legislation as well. Example:
 - Proposed NC bill requiring "licenses" for health AI chatbots

Prior Authorization

- NAIC reviews prior authorization legislation in states
- California bill on AI use for prior auth in effect
- Other prior auth-related bills in:
 - o FL, IL, IN, MN, RI, etc.

Data Privacy

- NY: Gov. Hochul signed New York Health Information Privacy Act into law
- WA: First lawsuit using private right of action filed against Amazon
- Activity in: VT, MD, VA, GA, IL, MA, etc.



Increased Private Sector Activity

- Payers and Providers
- Digital Health and Health IT



Industry Updates: "Traditional" Payers, Providers Adjusting to the New Normal





Industry Updates: Health Technology Industry Emphasizing Self-Regulation





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