

Impact Health Policy Weekly

Framing the Week

Big Picture. Congress returns on September 14, but the House has cancelled votes for the weeks of September 21 and 28, leaving four legislative days before the chamber recesses for the midterm election break. Conversely, the Senate is currently scheduled to be in session until September 30th, and may use this time to advance nominations and other legislative priorities.

Health Policy to Watch.

1. **NIH RFI on Draft Policy to Share Summary Level Study Results with Clinical Research Participants:** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) [issued](#) a request for information on a draft policy that would require researchers and institutions conducting NIH-supported clinical research to share summary-level study results directly with research participants in plain language. The proposal would apply broadly to all clinical research supported in whole or in part by NIH, including clinical trials, intramural research, and grants, regardless of the level of NIH funding. For clinical trials, results generally would need to be shared no later than one year after the primary completion date or the applicable ClinicalTrials.gov reporting deadline, whichever is later; other extramural clinical research would generally need to share results by the end of the period of performance or provide participants and NIH with a status update if analyses remain incomplete. Researchers would also need to confirm to NIH that results or required status updates were provided, while noncompliance could result in additional award conditions, termination, or consequences for future funding. **NIH is seeking comments through October 26, 2026**, including on participant preferences, researcher best practices, implementation challenges, and the costs and infrastructure necessary to implement the policy.

Regulatory Update

No updates. **All other pending regulations can be found [here](#).**

This Week in Health Policy

An overview of upcoming events is included below. Events highlighted in **orange** are those that we will be covering in detail:

Tue. (9/8)

- **2:00pm – AHIP Discussion: AI in Health Care** – America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) holds a discussion examining how artificial intelligence (AI) can be applied to address pressing challenges across the health care system. The session will explore opportunities to use AI to

improve health care delivery, operations, and outcomes, as well as considerations for deploying the technology effectively and responsibly. [Details.](#)

Wed. (9/9)

- **2:00pm – BPC Discussion: ROAD to Housing Act** – The Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) and National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders hold a discussion on implementation of the recently enacted 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. Housing experts will review the law’s major policy reforms, key federal implementation considerations, and potential effects on affordable housing development and housing supply in communities nationwide. [Details.](#)

Additional Multi-Day Events

- **Sep 9-Sep 10 – HHS Meeting: Antimicrobial Resistance** – The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) holds a meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (PACCARB) to explore how microbiome science can support antimicrobial resistance (AMR) prevention, drive novel interventions, and build public awareness and understanding of microbiome-focused health promotion measures. [Details.](#)

Featured Analysis

- **Medicaid Round-Up: H.R. 1 Implementation and Program Integrity** – In Policy Hub [here](#).
- **AI Policy Roundup** – In Policy Hub [here](#).
- **2026 Regulatory Outlook** – In Policy Hub [here](#)

Congressional Lookback

Fri. (9/4)

- **MedPAC** held day two of its [September 2026 meeting](#) at which it held a session on PAC services in FFS and MA and risk adjustment accuracy in MA at the plan level. All Impact session summaries are available on Policy Hub [here](#).

Thurs. (9/3)

- **MedPAC** held day one of its [September 2026 meeting](#) at which it held sessions on context for Medicare payment policy, Part D, and its work plan for ASC. All Impact session summaries are available on Policy Hub [here](#).

Tues. (9/1)

- **Reps. Landman, Carter, Schrier, and Barrett** introduced the [Doctors Not AI Act](#). [Details.](#)

Regulatory Lookback

Mon. (8/31)

- CMS [convened](#) the second public meeting of the Healthcare Advisory Committee to review initial ideas and preliminary recommendations from the six Working Groups. [Details.](#)
- **President Trump** announced that [nine additional pharmaceutical manufacturers](#) have agreed to MFN pricing agreements. [Details.](#)

Litigation Highlights

- **Judge Issues Preliminary Injunction Again Blocking Key USPS Mail-Ballot Requirements; Trump Administration Returns to Supreme Court:** A federal judge has again [blocked](#) key portions of a [new USPS rule](#) governing mail-in ballots, including requirements for USPS review of ballot-envelope standards and voter registration through a USPS ballot-mail portal. After U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani replaced an earlier [temporary restraining order](#) with a [preliminary injunction](#) on September 4, the Trump administration withdrew its initial Supreme Court application and filed a [new emergency appeal](#) on September 6 seeking to lift the injunction. The administration argues the rule falls within USPS's authority to regulate the mail system, while 23 states and voting-rights groups contend it unlawfully intrudes on state election administration. The Supreme Court has not ruled on the rule's legality and is currently considering whether to pause the injunction while the case proceeds.
- **Coalition of States Sue to Block CMS Rule That Would Prohibit Federal Medicaid and CHIP Reimbursement for Gender-Affirming Care for Youth:** On September 2, 21 state AGs and the Pennsylvania Governor filed a [lawsuit](#) challenging the CMS final rule barring federal Medicaid/CHIP reimbursement for gender-affirming care for transgender youth (under 18 for Medicaid, under 19 for CHIP) ([IHPP Final Rule Summary](#)). The states argue CMS exceeded its authority by overriding state coverage determinations with a categorical restriction, ignored contrary medical evidence, and violated the APA, Social Security Act, and Constitution. The suit seeks to block the rule before it takes effect **October 13, 2026**.
- **Federal Judge Blocks Trump Administration's Latest Attempt to Restrict Birthright Citizenship:** On September 2, a federal judge issued a [classwide preliminary injunction](#) blocking enforcement of [EO 14418](#) against children covered by the case—children born or to be born in the United States after February 19, 2025, whose mothers are unlawfully or temporarily present and whose fathers are neither U.S. citizens nor lawful permanent residents. The order, issued August 6 following the Supreme Court's June 30 decision in [Trump v. Barbara](#), sought to limit recognition of citizenship for certain children based on their parents' immigration status and other circumstances ([IHPP Summary](#)). The administration argued the order addressed situations left open by [Trump v. Barbara](#), but the judge rejected that argument, finding the new order largely recreates the restrictions the Supreme Court had already rejected and is likely unconstitutional. The ruling means the administration cannot deny, withhold, or otherwise refuse to recognize U.S. citizenship for children covered by the injunction while the broader legal challenge continues.

For additional information regarding legal developments, please see our [litigation tracker](#).

New Comment & Application Deadlines

All open comment and application deadlines can be found [here](#).