

# Weekly Digest

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## Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Transition Roadmap

"HHS continues to review the flexibilities and policies implemented during the COVID-19 PHE to determine whether others can and should remain in place, even for a temporary duration, to facilitate jurisdictions' ability to provide care and resources to Americans. Still, others will expire."

[Full Article](#)

**U.S. Department of Health  
and Human Services**



## Employers Prepare for Thawing ERISA Deadlines

"Although the end of the outbreak period will be the same for each participant and beneficiary, not every deadline will be, as they range from thirty days (HIPAA special enrollment and COBRA premium payment deadlines) to a full year (a common plan deadline for participants to file a benefit claim)." [Full Article](#)

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## Healthcare Plans After Dobbs: What Employers Need to Know

"In this column for the Journal of Pension Benefits, Health & Welfare, Sherrie Boutwell and Bonita Hatchett-Bodle outline the critical information employers need to know as they implement healthcare plans in the aftermath of Dobbs." [Full Article](#)

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## Agencies Propose Expansion of Contraceptive Care Coverage

"The proposal would create a mechanism, independent from the employer, group health plan, plan sponsor, institution of higher education, or issuer, through which individuals could obtain contraceptive services at no cost from a willing provider of contraceptive services when the employer does not elect the optional accommodation."

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## Public Health Emergency Ends May 11: What Telehealth Companies Need to Know

"While some telehealth waivers will survive the end of the PHE, not every pandemic-era policy will continue. Digital health companies relying on the PHE waivers should take steps now to bring operations into compliance with the post-PHE world before the PHE ends in May."

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## Texas District Court Once Again Vacates Departments' NSA Rules; CMS Orders Temporary Hold on New IDR Payment Determinations

"Health providers asserted that the regulations improperly limited arbitrators' discretion and improperly weighted the QPA (by making it the 'de facto benchmark' for OON reimbursement)."

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