

Regulations and Federal Updates

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Regulation Packages

1. **Provider Directory Regulation**—Takes effect April 1, 2026
2. **SB 17 Prescription Drug Reporting**—formal rulemaking starting soon
3. **Health Equity and Quality**—formal rulemaking starting soon

Coverage of Infertility and Fertility Services (SB 729)

- Large group must cover; small group must offer coverage
- Original effective date was 7/1/25; amended to 1/1/26
- DMHC issued an [All Plan Letter](#) in December 2025

2027 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters

- Draft issued by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on February 9, 2026
- CMS “pausing” review of states’ applications to update their benchmark plans
- Potential impacts to state defrayal of benefits mandated on or after January 1, 2011

Questions