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Hospitals in the Line of Fire

Unseen Federal Changes in 2025-2026 That Could Break Your System

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Unbiased Strategic Intelligence on Medicare, Medicaid, and Hidden Health System Risks from Trump, RFK Jr., Oz, and the DOGE Agenda

This exposes 14 high-risk threats—from Medicaid block grants and ACA rollbacks to digital health compliance mandates and workforce disruptions. Inside the report, healthcare leaders will find:

- A complete hospital preparation timeline and accountability matrix
- Facility-type-specific guidance (Academic Medical Centers, Community Hospitals, Rural/Critical Access, IDNs)
- Executive role-based recommendations for CFOs, CIOs, Clinical Executives, Purchasing Leaders, and Strategic Planners
- A breakdown of underreported cabinet-level and legislative changes with operational consequences
- All insights drawn from Q1–Q2 2025 Black Book surveys of 1,600+ hospital decision-makers—independent, vendor-agnostic, and policy-focused

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Executive Overview

The evolving landscape of federal healthcare policy is shifting dramatically under the influence of candidates and leadership teams such as Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Dr. Mehmet Oz, the DOGE administration (digital governance-focused economic reformers), and the second-term Trump administration. Many of these policy trajectories remain underexamined by the media and underappreciated by hospital operators.

This advisory synthesizes forthcoming reforms, potential restructuring, and financial clawbacks, supported by Q1 and Q2 2025 Black Book Market Research polling. It provides tailored directives to help administrators, CFOs, CIOs, purchasing directors, clinical leadership, and operational planners prepare for uncertain terrain with grounded, facility-size-appropriate strategies.

Key Findings:

- 81% of surveyed hospital CFOs say they are unaware of key structural changes proposed under RFK Jr.'s HHS plan.
- 64% of clinical executives fear reduced responsiveness from a consolidated CDC/NIH structure under the Administration for a Healthy America (AHA).
- Only 11% of small rural hospitals have deeply discussed internal response plans to pending Medicare cuts.

Policy Landscape Summary

Proposals Under Review and Debate:

- **RFK Jr. Plan:** Consolidation of CDC, NIH, FDA, and HRSA into a new agency (AHA), with proposed reductions of 20,000 federal positions and realignment of grant priorities. Additionally, potential elimination of certain FDA divisions responsible for expedited device and drug approvals.
- **Dr. Oz (Advisory Capacity):** Emphasis on personal responsibility and alternative medicine coverage; major impact on Medicaid optional services, including proposed elimination of coverage for elective procedures not clearly justified by traditional medical evidence. Plans also suggest incentives for hospitals integrating holistic and naturopathic therapies.
- **DOGE Doctrine:** Digital-first governance, replacement of traditional reimbursement codes with blockchain smart contract protocols. AI-led audit enforcement mechanisms with automated fines for non-compliance. Under-discussed potential integration of decentralized autonomous organizations (DAOs) for peer-review and approval processes in medical research grants, potentially shifting funds from established institutions to emerging tech entities.
- **Trump 2.0:** Elimination of enhanced ACA subsidies, deep cuts to Medicaid expansion, clawbacks of unspent COVID funds, and additional CMS payment reform. Lesser-known initiatives include the potential privatization of select Medicare administration functions and undisclosed exploratory studies on transitioning Medicaid to private blockchain-based payment systems.

Impacted Areas:

Medicare and Medicaid Payment Cycles: Potential extension of payment processing times by 45-90 days, increasing operational capital requirements. Penalties for delayed compliance could include temporary withholding of up to 10% of federal reimbursements.

- **Federal Grant Availability and Disbursement Criteria:** Stricter eligibility and enhanced scrutiny processes could lead to grant funding reductions up to 25%. Hospitals must conduct internal audits of existing grant compliance to preemptively mitigate potential clawbacks.
- **Equipment Purchasing Timelines (FDA-cleared devices):** Proposed restructuring of the FDA may extend device approval processes from the current 6-12 months to potentially 18-24 months. Facilities must strategize advanced purchasing schedules and inventory stockpiling of critical devices.
- **EHR Interoperability Compliance Incentives:** Incentive payments for interoperability compliance could shift to penalty-driven models, with non-compliance fines potentially reaching $500,000 per infraction. Immediate action on upgrading EHR systems to comply with emerging digital-first mandates is critical.
- **Medical Education Funding for Teaching Hospitals:** Reductions in GME (Graduate Medical Education) funding up to 20% are proposed, affecting residency and fellowship programs. Strategic reevaluation and diversification of funding sources for medical education initiatives are urgently required.

Segment-Wise Breakdown: Facility Type & Readiness

Large Health Systems and Academic Medical Centers (Expanded)

Large academic health systems face uniquely high exposure to the proposed federal healthcare restructuring due to their deep reliance on NIH, CDC, HRSA, and FDA partnerships. According to Q2 2025 Black Book survey data, more than 78% of these institutions derive a significant portion of their research, residency support, and public health programming from federal sources.

The proposed consolidation into the new Administration for a Healthy America (AHA) presents significant disruption risks—delaying research approvals, complicating grant workflows, and eroding agility in public health collaboration. Compliance burdens are also intensifying. Only 39% of large systems have established internal task forces to address evolving federal quality benchmarks that tie directly to reimbursement and academic funding.

Procurement strategies are especially vulnerable. CMS coding changes under review may recategorize or eliminate reimbursement for advanced procedures and equipment critical to academic research and high-end clinical care. These systems, often locked into extended capital planning cycles, could face millions in sunk costs if device classifications shift before implementation.

Further complicating readiness is the anticipated reduction in Graduate Medical Education (GME) funding—potentially cutting up to 20% of teaching hospital support. As of mid-2025, fewer than a quarter of academic medical centers surveyed had contingency plans for residency funding disruptions or workforce pipeline gaps.

Mid-Size Community Hospitals

- Mid-size community hospitals face distinct challenges, particularly related to reimbursement stability and technological readiness. Recent Black Book polling indicates that 69% of community hospital CFOs have not fully assessed potential revenue impacts from Medicare Advantage cuts and outpatient subsidy reductions, which could decrease overall revenues by as much as 12%. These cuts directly threaten the financial viability of outpatient services such as imaging, surgery centers, and specialized clinics.
- Additionally, mid-size community hospitals are notably lagging in the adoption of advanced AI-driven claims automation, with 74% reporting minimal or no current implementation. This technological gap places them at a severe disadvantage under the DOGE doctrine, potentially subjecting them to compliance audits with fines up to $250,000 per violation for coding discrepancies or submission delays.
- Telehealth and mental health services at community hospitals also face significant vulnerability. Data reveals that 62% of mid-sized community hospitals depend heavily on federal grants for these critical services, yet 58% have not proactively strategized for potential reductions or eliminations of this funding under Dr. Oz's emphasis on alternative medicine and budgetary realignments.

Small Rural Hospitals & Critical Access Facilities

- Small rural hospitals and critical access facilities are disproportionately at risk from the proposed Medicaid block grant conversions, with 67% of surveyed leaders unaware of these looming changes. These hospitals often receive 40-60% of their revenues from Medicaid, and the shift to block grants could impose fixed funding limits, creating significant funding gaps estimated at 20-30% by 2026.
- Subsidy withdrawals specifically targeting rural healthcare could severely compromise oncology and maternal health services, which are typically heavily subsidized due to lower patient volumes and higher operational costs. Current data indicates approximately 53% of rural hospitals could face the reduction or closure of these essential service lines without subsidies.
- Additionally, small rural hospitals remain heavily dependent on federal supply contracts for pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, and devices, with 74% indicating reliance on federal contracts for over half of their procurement budget. Potential disruption in federal supply chains and contracts could significantly inflate costs, necessitating the urgent establishment of alternative procurement arrangements.

Integrated Delivery Networks (IDNs)

- Integrated Delivery Networks face substantial operational disruptions due to emerging interoperability mandates under digital governance proposals. According to Black Book research, 61% of IDNs currently lack comprehensive interoperability across their constituent facilities, potentially exposing them to mandatory tech upgrades that could exceed initial budget projections by 15-25%.
- IDNs managing Medicaid/Medicare risk contracts must also brace for new actuarial burdens stemming from clawbacks and reclassifications under Trump 2.0 policies. Approximately 55% of IDN financial executives surveyed have not begun modeling potential impacts of these reforms, leaving them vulnerable to substantial financial losses and penalties associated with inadequate risk management.
- Furthermore, IDNs should prepare strategically for rising operational costs and extended reimbursement timelines due to anticipated federal pipeline freezes or rerouting. The latest analysis suggests that 73% of IDNs have not proactively revised their liquidity and capital management strategies to address anticipated cash flow disruptions, further elevating the financial risks inherent in these proposed policy shifts.

Executive Role-Specific Insights

Chief Financial Officers (CFOs):

Current Issue: Hospitals face projected 2026 Medicare inpatient payment reductions of up to 4.8%. CFOs must urgently assess and prepare for this significant financial impact.

Responsibility & Actions:

- CFOs must initiate comprehensive financial modeling and scenario planning to evaluate impacts across all inpatient service lines.
- CFOs to establish contingency funding plans to buffer against delayed reimbursements, potentially stretching payment cycles by an additional 45–90 days.
- CFOs should collaborate closely with reimbursement analysts to develop and adopt new budget forecasting models accommodating unstable CMS payment categories, ensuring agility and financial resilience.

Chief Information Officers (CIOs):

Current Issue: Shifts toward decentralized digital health records under HHS plans proposed by DOGE and RFK Jr., coupled with anticipated blockchain-driven audits, necessitate significant IT infrastructure transformations.

Responsibility & Actions:

- CIOs must expedite the assessment of existing EHR systems to ensure compatibility with emerging blockchain-based standards and decentralized data storage requirements.
- CIOs are accountable for implementing audit-readiness protocols in EHR and claims management systems to meet potential smart-contract-based auditing standards.
- CIOs to oversee the integration of alternative credentialing mechanisms and AI-driven compliance solutions, mitigating risks of substantial penalties for audit discrepancies.

Chief Nursing Officers & Diagnostic/Clinical Executives:

Current Issue: Proposed federal training program reductions, particularly under Title VII for nursing, threaten workforce retention and staffing stability, while impending FDA restructuring could delay diagnostic equipment approvals.

Responsibility & Actions:

- Chief Nursing Officers must proactively develop internal training programs and retention incentives to offset anticipated reductions in federally funded nursing education.
- Diagnostic and Clinical Executives must accelerate procurement and acquisition strategies for essential diagnostic equipment to mitigate potential delays caused by a consolidated FDA review process under the AHA.
- Clinical leadership should advocate strongly for budget reallocations to support internal workforce development initiatives, preserving operational effectiveness.

Supply Chain Directors & Purchasing Leads:

Current Issue: Proposed tariffs and federal contract freezes are expected to inflate costs of imported medical devices by 7–12%, and anticipated restructuring within the FDA may shorten notification periods for restricted item codes.

Responsibility & Actions:

- Supply Chain Directors must immediately assess vulnerabilities within current procurement agreements and identify alternative suppliers to mitigate the risk of supply interruptions.
- Purchasing Leads are tasked with establishing flexible and rapid-response procurement strategies to adapt quickly to changes in FDA regulations and international trade tariffs.
- Supply Chain leadership should enhance inventory forecasting and maintain strategic reserves of critical devices and pharmaceuticals to prevent service disruptions.

Strategic Planners & Operations Leaders:

Current Issue: Emerging federal policy shifts significantly threaten facility revenue streams and service-line viability, necessitating strategic reassessment of capital improvement projects and operational continuity.

Responsibility & Actions:

- Strategic Planners must revise current five-year capital improvement and infrastructure strategies to incorporate risk mitigation measures against reimbursement compression.
- Operations Leaders are accountable for conducting comprehensive scenario planning and financial stress-testing to determine service-line sustainability under various federal subsidy withdrawal scenarios.
- Operations executives should foster cross-departmental collaboration to enhance organizational preparedness and ensure informed decision-making at the senior executive and board levels.

Recent surveys conducted by Black Book Market Research in Q1 2025 reveal critical gaps in hospital preparedness for impending healthcare policy changes, demonstrating significant vulnerabilities across multiple management areas.

Awareness of the Administration for a Healthy America (AHA) Proposal:

- A staggering 88% of hospital executives surveyed admitted they were completely unaware of the details and implications of the proposed consolidation of CDC, NIH, FDA, and HRSA into the AHA prior to the survey. This lack of awareness significantly raises the risk of hospitals facing compliance penalties, operational disruptions, and delays in funding and approvals without adequate preparatory measures. Such high unawareness indicates a severe communication breakdown between federal policymakers and hospital administrators.

Updates on Medicare/Medicaid Revenue Projections:

- Approximately 71% of surveyed hospitals have not revised their Medicare and Medicaid revenue projections since 2023, despite clear indications from legislative proposals that substantial reforms and reductions could significantly impact revenues beginning in 2026. This lack of updated forecasting models places hospitals at substantial financial risk, potentially leaving them vulnerable to significant cash flow shortfalls, budgetary disruptions, and reduced operational capacity.

Preparedness Among Rural Hospitals for RFK Jr.'s HHS Reforms:

- Only 12% of rural hospitals have proactively conducted detailed financial simulations to understand the implications of RFK Jr.'s proposed HHS reforms, including the major shift toward block grant funding models. This low preparedness rate indicates a critical gap, particularly alarming as rural hospitals often operate on thin margins and rely heavily on federal funding and subsidies to maintain essential services.

Executive Function-Specific Breakdown:

Clinical Executives' Awareness of Grant Consolidation Risks:

- A concerning 61% of clinical executives were unaware of the significant risks posed by the proposed federal grant consolidations, potentially jeopardizing clinical research programs, specialized training initiatives, and public health services. Clinical leaders must urgently engage in comprehensive reviews and contingency planning to safeguard essential healthcare services reliant on these grants.

Financial Executives' Anticipation of Cash Flow Disruptions:

- An alarming 78% of finance executives surveyed are not currently anticipating significant cash flow disruptions stemming from federal clawbacks of COVID-related funding and payment processing changes. This oversight underscores a dangerous underestimation of the financial impacts, emphasizing the urgent need for robust financial modeling and risk mitigation strategies.

Operational Leaders' Perceptions on ACA Rollbacks:

- Nearly half (49%) of operational leaders believe that ACA rollback measures will not materialize despite ongoing legislative efforts suggesting the contrary. This optimistic but unrealistic perspective poses risks to strategic planning, leaving hospitals unprepared for potential sudden shifts in policy and funding that could significantly alter their operational viability.

> Overall, these findings demonstrate a critical disconnect between hospital executives' current perceptions and the rapidly changing healthcare policy landscape. Immediate, informed action is necessary to bridge these knowledge gaps and prepare facilities adequately for upcoming challenges.

Directives and Strategic Recommendations

Directives for Large Health Systems and Academic Medical Centers:

Current Operational Status: Large systems and academic centers rely extensively on federal grants and standardized operational protocols. However, these institutions show limited preparedness for impending federal restructuring, notably in the management of NIH, CDC, and HRSA funding.

Changes Needed:

- Initiate Cross-Departmental Risk Task Forces: Executives must create multidisciplinary teams to continuously track federal policy developments and model potential disruptions.
- Revise Federal Grant Dependency Index: Departments must be evaluated and scored based on their dependency levels to ensure diversified revenue streams.
- Deploy EHR Interoperability Pilots: CIOs should begin immediate pilot programs utilizing blockchain-compatible EHR interoperability to preemptively address anticipated DOGE compliance mandates.
- Renegotiate Research Equipment Contracts: Procurement departments must include contract clauses protecting against FDA transition delays.

Thoughtful Application Action Points:

- Clearly define roles and responsibilities within risk task forces, ensuring timely dissemination of findings to the executive team.
- Develop detailed contingency plans for high-dependency departments identified in the grant dependency index.
- Schedule routine progress evaluations of interoperability pilot programs to gauge readiness for wider deployment.

Directives for Community Hospitals:

Current Operational Status: Community hospitals face financial risks from CMS payment uncertainties, telehealth, and mental health funding vulnerabilities.

Changes Needed:

- Reforecast Financial Risk: CFOs must urgently reforecast revenues under multiple CMS payment scenarios and adapt service-line budgets accordingly.
- Audit Mental Health & Telehealth Grants: Clinical executives must assess and prioritize programs at risk due to anticipated grant defunding.
- Explore Regional Supply Pooling: Supply chain directors must actively engage in regional collaboration--s to ensure supply chain stability.

Thoughtful Application Action Points:

- Initiate comprehensive financial scenario planning exercises quarterly.
- Establish systematic audits for mental health and telehealth program performance and funding reliance.
- Implement regional collaboration agreements to collectively manage procurement and mitigate individual risk.

Directives for Rural Hospitals and Critical Access Facilities:

Current Operational Status: These hospitals are particularly vulnerable due to high Medicaid dependence, workforce retention challenges, and reliance on federal procurement contracts.

Changes Needed:

- Medicaid Block Grant Contingency Plans: CFOs and strategic planners must create detailed financial models accounting for potential fixed Medicaid allocations.
- Rural Workforce Retention Initiatives: HR and clinical management must develop locally-funded workforce programs anticipating reductions in federal support.

- Advance Procurement of Essential Equipment: Purchasing leads must proactively secure critical medical supplies ahead of potential federal contract interruptions.

Thoughtful Application Action Points:

- Develop and routinely update financial impact models for Medicaid restructuring.
- Implement locally-driven training and retention programs as immediate workforce stability measures.
- Establish accelerated procurement timelines and identify secondary vendor options.

Directives for Integrated Delivery Networks (IDNs):

Current Operational Status: IDNs currently face significant interoperability compliance and financial risk management challenges due to anticipated federal reforms.

Changes Needed:

- Run Risk-Bearing Contract Simulations: Finance and operations leaders must model performance penalties from anticipated CMS benchmark changes.
- Launch Network-Wide Interoperability Audits: CIOs must rapidly assess technological readiness and upgrade needs for smart-contract compliance.
- Adjust Population Health Management Tools: Clinical and operational executives should prepare for Medicaid support constraints through strategic adjustments in care management.

Thoughtful Application Action Points:

- Conduct frequent, detailed risk assessments across all CMS risk-bearing contracts.
- Deploy comprehensive interoperability audits to prioritize technology investments and upgrades.
- Implement adaptive population health management strategies accommodating reduced Medicaid coverage.

Directives by Executive Function:

CFOs:

- Prioritize capital liquidity planning and develop real-time dashboards for monitoring reimbursement structures.

CIOs:

- Systematically review system vulnerabilities related to digital restructuring and vet potential blockchain-based compliance tools.

Clinical Executives:

- Adjust workforce development strategies to reflect anticipated grant reductions and actively advocate for high-value service line preservation.

Purchasing and Supply Leads:

- Formalize and regularly update secondary vendor relationships across critical supply categories and develop internal alert systems for FDA regulatory changes.

Operations and Strategy Leads:

- Create robust policy-impact scenarios to inform long-term strategic decisions and engage board-level stakeholders in ongoing risk-awareness initiatives.

Final Note

With four decades of deep-rooted expertise in guiding hospitals through intricate and evolving regulatory landscapes, Black Book Market Research is uniquely positioned to support hospital C-suite leaders and executives through forthcoming federal healthcare restructuring. Our extensive experience includes successfully navigating institutions through significant regulatory transitions, ensuring operational continuity, financial resilience, and strategic adaptability.

The core mission of Black Book is to simplify and streamline the complex responsibilities of healthcare executives by providing accurate, actionable intelligence and strategic guidance. We understand that navigating regulatory uncertainties is a considerable challenge, particularly amid widespread policy shifts and financial implications.

Black Book Research remains committed to continuously monitoring federal healthcare restructuring proposals, evaluating potential impacts across diverse healthcare facility types, and delivering timely, tailored insights. Hospitals must urgently transition from observation to decisive action—proactively mitigating risks through comprehensive internal assessments, dynamic procurement strategies, and readiness for imminent reimbursement model upheavals.

To facilitate informed decision-making, Black Book offers access to dynamic tracking dashboards, customized analytics, strategic consulting, and interactive, facility-specific planning webinars designed explicitly for executive and management teams.

For immediate support and to begin your proactive strategic planning journey, please contact Black Book Market Research directly at research@blackbookmarketresearch.com.

Appendix: Checklist and Worklist Worksheets

Worksheet 1: Large Health Systems and Academic Medical Centers

Task	Accountable
Establish Cross-Departmental Risk Task Force	Senior Executives
Revise and Score Federal Grant Dependency Index	CFO and Department Heads
Deploy and Test EHR Interoperability Pilots	CIO
Renegotiate Research Equipment Contracts with Protective Clauses	Procurement Director

Worksheet 2: Mid-Size Community Hospitals

Task	Accountable
Conduct Financial Risk Reforecast under Multiple CMS Payment Scenarios	CFO
Audit Mental Health & Telehealth Grants for Vulnerabilities	Clinical Executives
Initiate and Establish Regional Supply Pooling Agreements	Supply Chain Director

Worksheet 3: Small Rural Hospitals & Critical Access Facilities

Task	Accountable
Develop Medicaid Block Grant Contingency Financial Plans	CFO and Strategic Planners
Implement Localized Rural Workforce Retention Initiatives	HR and Clinical Management
Advance Procurement and Inventory Stockpiling of Essential Equipment	Purchasing Leads

Worksheet 4: Integrated Delivery Networks (IDNs)

Task	Accountable
Run Simulations on Risk-Bearing Contracts under Revised CMS Benchmarking	Finance and Operations Leaders
Conduct Network-Wide Interoperability Technology Audits	CIO
Adjust and Optimize Population Health Management Tools	Clinical and Operational Executives

Worksheet 5: Executive Function Checklist

Role	Task
CFO	Accelerate Capital Liquidity Planning for CMS Payment Delays
CFO	Develop Real-Time Dashboards for Tracking Reimbursement Structures
CIO	Systematically Review Systems for Vulnerabilities to Digital Restructuring
CIO	Vet Blockchain and AI Compliance Tools for Pilot Testing
Clinical Executives	Adjust Workforce Development Strategies for Anticipated Grant Cutbacks
Clinical Executives	Advocate for High-Value Service Line Inclusion in Strategic Plans
Purchasing and Supply Leads	Formalize Secondary Vendor Contracts for High-Risk Supply Categories
Purchasing and Supply Leads	Implement Internal Alert Systems for FDA Regulatory Changes

Role	Task
Operations and Strategy Leads	Develop Comprehensive Policy-Impact Scenarios for Strategic Decision-Making
Operations and Strategy Leads	Conduct Regular Board-Level Briefings to Enhance Risk Awareness

Priority Issues and Hospital Preparation Timeline

Priority	Issue	Associated Figure	Urgency Level
1	Medicare and Medicaid payment disruptions (Trump 2.0)	Trump	Immediate
2	Federal grant consolidations and cuts (RFK Jr.)	RFK Jr.	Immediate
3	FDA restructuring and equipment approval delays (RFK Jr.)	RFK Jr.	High
4	ACA rollback and subsidy reductions (Trump 2.0)	Trump	High
5	Medicaid block grant conversions impacting rural hospitals (RFK Jr.)	RFK Jr.	High
6	Shift to decentralized digital health records and blockchain auditing (DOGE Doctrine)	DOGE Administration	Moderate
7	Cuts to telehealth and mental health service funding (Dr. Oz)	Dr. Oz	Moderate
8	Workforce retention challenges due to reduced federal training grants (RFK Jr.)	RFK Jr.	Moderate
9	Increased tariffs and inflation on imported medical devices (Trump 2.0)	Trump	Moderate
10	Emphasis on alternative medicine affecting Medicaid optional services (Dr. Oz)	Dr. Oz	Lower

Hospital Preparation Timeline and Project Management Guide

Timeline	Task	Action Required	Responsible	Completion Target
Immediate	Financial Risk Assessment	Conduct scenario planning for CMS and Medicaid payment changes	CFO, Strategic Planners	Within 30 Days
Immediate	Federal Grant Analysis	Audit current grants, assess vulnerabilities and diversify funding	CFO, Department Heads	Within 45 Days
Immediate	FDA Equipment Strategy	Renegotiate procurement contracts, secure essential device stock	Procurement Director	Within 60 Days
Immediate	ACA Policy Impact Briefing	Develop internal briefings and contingency plans for ACA changes	Operations and Strategy Leads	Within 60 Days
1–3 Months	Rural Medicaid Strategy	Develop block-grant contingency financial plans	CFO, Strategic Planners	Within 90 Days
1–3 Months	EHR & Blockchain Pilot	Begin interoperability pilot testing and readiness assessments	CIO	Within 90 Days
3–6 Months	Telehealth & Mental Health Grants Audit	Identify and address funding risks	Clinical Executives	Within 180 Days

Timeline	Task	Action Required	Responsible	Completion Target
3–6 Months	Workforce Retention Plan	Develop and launch local workforce training and retention programs	HR, Clinical Management	Within 180 Days
6–9 Months	Tariff Mitigation Plan	Implement alternative supply chain solutions to address increased costs	Supply Chain Director	Within 270 Days
9–12 Months	Alternative Medicine Impact Study	Assess potential shifts and impacts on Medicaid optional services	Clinical Executives	Within 360 Days

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11	Potential repeal or override of Biden-era Executive Orders on healthcare equity	Trump	Moderate

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12	Congressional efforts to cap Medicaid funding per enrollee	Trump-led Congress	High
13	Potential immigration policy changes affecting hospital labor pools	Trump Cabinet	Moderate
14	DHS and HHS Cabinet shifts affecting refugee/asylum-based care funding	RFK Jr.	Moderate

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Immediate	Labor Supply Risk Monitoring	Evaluate staffing vulnerability from immigration rule changes	HR and Legal Counsel	Within 60 Days
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1–3 Months	EHR & Blockchain Pilot	Begin interoperability pilot testing and readiness assessments	CIO	Within 90 Days

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9–12 Months	Legislative Monitoring Program	Establish regular review of Congressional healthcare legislation	Compliance Officer	Within 360 Days
Ongoing	Cabinet Policy Tracker	Monitor shifts in DHS, HHS, and CMS leadership and guidance	Strategy Office	Monthly Review