2026 REGULATORY CALENDAR

as of October 2026

The regulatory activity for the second half of 2026 is expected to be busy with proposed rules, final rules, and implementations. Based on the 2026 Unified Agenda and other HHS activity, here is an estimate of what we expect from HHS in the coming months.

Just Released

Transparency in Pricing
(Final Rule)

Section 6220 Consolidation Appropriations Act, 2026
REAL Health Provider Act
(Provider Directory)

within 3 months

CMS-0057-F Compliance Begins

HIPAA Privacy Rule: Coordinated Care, Individual Engagement, and Regulatory Burden Reduction
(Final Rule)

HTI: ONC Deregulatory Actions to Unleash Prosperity (HTI-5)
(Final Rule)

3-6 months

Administrative Simplification: Modifications to HIPAA Electronic Transaction Standards
(Proposed Rule)

HIPAA Privacy Rule: Promote Timely Access
(Proposed Rule)

HTI: APIs and Information Blocking
(Proposed Rule)

Interoperability Standards and Prior Authorization for Drugs
(Final Rule)

more than 6 months

No Surprises Act Advanced Explanation of Benefits
(Proposed Rule)

Health Care Attachments and Electronic Signatures
(Compliance May 2028)

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