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China Unveils 158 Primary-Care Disease Categories for Unified Payment
China introduced the first national pool of 158 primary-care disease categories under Diagnosis Related Groups and Diagnosis Intervention Packet payment version 3.0. The list covers hypertension, diabetes, respiratory infections and appendicitis suited to secondary or lower-level institutions. A Same Disease Same Payment rule lets county, township and community facilities receive equal reimbursement for identical cases. **(Xinhua)**

China Releases 15th Five-Year Plan for Universal Healthcare Coverage
China issued the 15th Five-Year Plan for Universal Healthcare Coverage targeting a multi-tier system by 2030. The document expands coordinated urban-rural schemes, refines financing and benefits, and integrates long-term care insurance across all pooling areas. It also mandates faster settlement with designated providers, smarter anti-fraud fund supervision and broader digital governance tools. **(Xinhua)**

China Issues Guidance to Strengthen Hospital Legal Governance Systems
National Health Commission published opinions on strengthening legal governance in hospitals nationwide. The framework assigns clear accountability for compliance, patient privacy, dispute handling and institutional decision-making across public and private facilities. It requires typical-case review, legal-risk assessment and standardized handling of medical disputes before the end of 2026. **(China Daily)**

China Launches National Childcare Service Promotion Month Campaign
China opened the 2026 National Childcare Service Promotion Month to expand accessible infant and toddler care. The campaign coordinates local governments, maternal and child health centers and community platforms on staffing, safety standards and public awareness. Officials stressed integrating childcare with maternal health, family support and employment stability policies. **(NHC)**

China Promotes Smart Healthcare Through National AI and Sensor Challenges
The National Healthcare Security Administration and Peking University showcased digital healthcare tracks including medical imaging AI and health-sensor perception contests. Connected events covered brain-computer interfaces, medical simulators and smart claim adjudication scenarios for grassroot facilities. The push accelerates non-drug innovation. **(Xinhua)**