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Study shows more kids in China surviving cancer

China's childhood cancer survival rate has risen to 77.2%, with some types exceeding international standards. While progress reflects improved healthcare policies and treatment networks, significant regional disparities remain between developed (84.9%) and less-developed areas (72.6%). Researchers recommend establishing regional cancer centers and AI-assisted diagnostics to bridge gaps. **(China Daily)**

Novel pay systems to aid medical access

China will implement integrated smart payment systems in healthcare to simplify medical insurance procedures over the next three years. The new system combines facial recognition, QR code, mobile, and credit-based payments to reduce queues and paperwork. Features like facial recognition will particularly assist elderly patients, while credit payments enable "treatment first, payment later." **(China Daily)**

China makes it easier for families to tap employee healthcare insurance funds

China is expanding nationwide access to employee healthcare insurance funds for family members across provincial lines. The reform allows employees to use their personal account balances to cover medical expenses for relatives, including those living in different provinces. This initiative aims to reduce household medical costs and improve insurance fund efficiency. **(China Daily)**

Pediatric care cover expanded nationwide

China has expanded pediatric care to all major public hospitals and dialysis services to every county with over 100,000 residents. The initiative has reduced pediatric wait times and eliminated overcrowding despite higher seasonal illness rates. Over 700 doctors and 7,000 dialysis machines were deployed to underserved counties, handling 28 million treatments in 2025. The reforms also boosted mental health services and childcare slots. **(China Daily)**

Smart tech to unify healthcare and insurance data

China will launch pilot cloud platforms this year to integrate personal healthcare and medical insurance data. These systems will create dynamic health profiles using treatment records, insurance data, and wearable device information. The platforms aim to provide personalized health management and streamline medical services while ensuring data security. **(Xinhua)**