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National Healthcare Security Administration Issues Unified Lab Test Pricing Guide

China released the trial guideline on pricing items for laboratory tests, consolidating them into 662 main items, 114 surcharge items and seven extended items. The framework sets a single national ruler for blood and urine routine tests, ending fragmented provincial pricing logic. The move directly supports cross-region mutual recognition of test results and caps irrational diagnostic spending. **(Xinhua)**

State Council Revises Biosafety Rules for Pathogen Laboratories

China amended the Regulations on Biosafety Management in Pathogenic Microorganism Laboratories, effective immediately across all jurisdictions. The revision aligns laboratory approvals with the Ecological Environment Impact Evaluation requirement under the newly enacted Environmental Code. The change closes a long-standing gap between health-system containment rules and environmental law enforcement. **(Caixin)**

Artificial Intelligence Medical Device National Standard Approved by SAMR

The Standardization Administration under the State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR) approved 338 national standards, including the Quality Requirements and Evaluation Terminology for AI Medical Devices. The new standard defines common vocabulary for algorithm performance, data governance and clinical validation of AI-assisted diagnostic tools. **(China Daily)**

Tight County Medical Alliances Cover 2,199 Counties Under Grading Reform

China now runs tight-knit county medical alliances across 2,199 counties and pilots 81 compact urban medical groups under its graded diagnosis and treatment push. The model integrates township clinics, community health centers and county hospitals into one resource pool with shared imaging, labs and electronic records. The scale of consolidation unlocks structured demand for telemedicine, wearable monitoring, etc. **(Xinhua)**

Fourteen Departments Issue 2026 Healthcare Industry Conduct Rectification Plan

Fourteen ministries led by the National Health Commission published the 2026 work plan to correct malpractice in medicine procurement and medical services, extending scrutiny beyond drugs to devices and consumables. The document targets fake invoices, concealed income and tax violations in high-value orthopedic, endoscopic and imaging equipment channels. **(Caixin)**