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Abstract

- Document published by OpenAI in April 2026, titled Keeping Patients First running nine pages.
- Four pillars: data portability expansion, transparent clinician AI use, regula sandboxes for state experimentation, FDA modernization for AI-enabled me software.
- Most consequential proposal: extending information blocking prohibitions non-CMS-participating providers including certain labs and pharmacies, pl making patient generated data and scheduling data portable in machine rea form.

- Key data points referenced: three in five US adults using AI for health quest ~600k weekly health-related ChatGPT messages from rural users, 80% phys AI adoption in 2026 vs. 38% in 2023, 45% physician burnout rate (AMA 202 155k-patient HIV PrEP study showing 3x initiation rate, AdventHealth post discharge documentation cut from 10-20 min to ~5 min.
- Strategic positioning: OpenAI as policy stakeholder rather than regulated downstream player, with the document timed to the current healthcare AI regulatory conversation.
- Self-interest visible throughout but underlying policy logic is largely sound data portability and FDA modernization fronts.
- Notable omissions: payer-side AI deployment, pharma AI, drug pricing intersection, model error rates and liability in clinical contexts.

Why this document showed up when it did

OpenAI dropping a healthcare policy blueprint in April 2026 is a thing worth pa on for a second. Companies of this size do not publish nine page policy documer because they got bored on a Tuesday. They publish them because the regulatory is blowing a certain direction and they would rather be the people shaping the framework than the people getting shaped by it. The document reads like exactl A stake in the ground, written carefully, reviewed by lawyers, run past at least a people with health policy experience, and timed to whatever the relevant administration's healthcare AI conversation looks like right now.

The framing is patient-centered, which is the only acceptable framing for any healthcare policy document, and the case studies are heart-tugging in a way that makes them difficult to argue against without sounding like a person who hates disease families. Fair enough. The substance underneath is more interesting tha framing suggests, and it is worth reading the document not as a policy paper bu roadmap for what an AI company building generalist healthcare tools needs in o

to operate at scale in the United States. Once that lens is on, the structure make sense and the asks line up cleanly.

Four pillars carry the document. Patient data portability, with a meaningful expa of what counts as portable data. Clinician use of AI with intentionally light disc requirements. State level regulatory sandboxes for testing AI in clinical workflo And FDA modernization, with a specific subclause that matters more than it loo These are not random. Each one removes a specific constraint that currently sits between a generalist AI assistant and a patient or clinician using it for actual ca The blueprint is a list of those constraints, ordered roughly by political feasibili

The data portability section is the interesting one

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