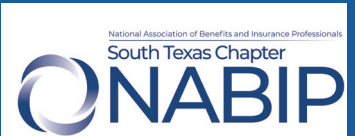


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Biden Administration Advances Plan To Remove Medical Debt From Credit Scores

Americans would no longer have to worry about medical debts dragging down their credit scores under federal regulations proposed Tuesday by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

If enacted, the rules would dramatically expand protections for tens of millions of Americans burdened by medical bills they can't afford.

The regulations would also fulfill a pledge by the Biden administration to address the scourge of healthcare debt, a uniquely American problem that touches an estimated 100 million people, forcing many to make sacrifices such as limiting food, clothing, and other essentials. [Read More Here...](#)

Supreme Court Will Hear Case Claiming US Underpays Hospitals Serving Needy Patients

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a lawsuit by more than 200 hospitals that serve low-income populations accusing the federal government of shortchanging them on Medicare funding by about \$1.5 billion per year.

The hospitals, located in 32 states, are asking, opens new tab the court to overturn a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit upholding the current method of determining funding used by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The hospitals have argued that the underfunding has contributed to the closure of rural hospitals.

"The neediest patients pay the price, traveling farther and waiting longer for care, if they can obtain it at all," they said in their petition. [Read More Here...](#)

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A promotional poster for the 7th Annual Summit 2024. The poster features a large, stylized 'X' shape in the background. Inside the 'X' is a portrait of a man with a beard and a hat. To the right of the portrait, the text reads "7th Annual Summit 2024" and "September 5/6, 2024 South Padre Island, TX". Below the portrait, the text reads "Empowering Tomorrow's Life:" and "Where Healthcare, Wealth Management, and Medicare Professionals Unite". At the bottom left, it says "5 HR CE Credit" and "www.nabipsotx.org". At the bottom right, there is a small image of a ship and the text "SAVE THE DATE".

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Added Health Benefits Of Wegovy, Zepbound Could Attract More men, Doctors Say

Evidence that weight-loss drugs like Novo Nordisk's (NOVOB.CO), opens new tab Wegovy and Eli Lilly's (LLY.N), Zepbound can cut heart disease risk, treat sleep apnea and address other health issues may help convince more men to use them, five doctors who prescribe the medicines regularly told Reuters.

Men prefer to shed extra pounds with diet and exercise changes before reaching for drugs, if they address their weight at all, doctors and three healthcare industry analysts said in interviews.

Women are far less hesitant to seek a physician's help with weight loss and management, they said.

The "typical weight management program is female predominant in our clinic. It's almost two out of three patients are women, and that's pretty much common across the country," said Dr. Robert Kushner, obesity medicine researcher at Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine.

Female patients accounted for at least 78% of total prescriptions for Wegovy and 76% or more total prescriptions for Zepbound between January and March, according to U.S. data from IQVIA (IQV.N)

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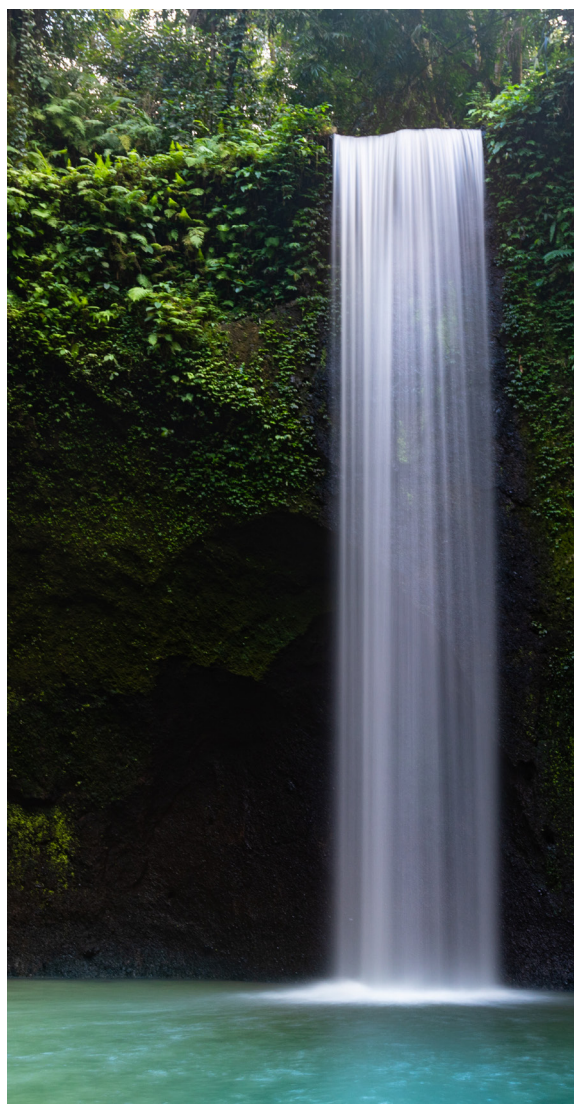
Best Waterfalls In Texas: 20 Local Favorites & Hidden Gems

Texas is known for many things. The second largest state in the U.S. is known for its larger-than-life culture, which includes cowboys and rodeos, barbecue and Tex-Mex, man-made monoliths and historic meccas, beloved national parks, and beautiful oases. Everything, from the temperatures to water parks to portion sizes, is bigger in Texas, and that most certainly includes its waterfalls. Yes — waterfalls in Texas.

While you may picture a large and dry expanse when envisioning the Lone Star State, we're here to turn those preconceptions upside down... in a big, Texas-sized way, of course. You see, what Texas lacks in the quantity of waterfalls, it more than makes up for in quality of waterfalls. So, how many waterfalls are there in Texas? Well, that number isn't clear but there are plenty of impressive falls worth visiting around the Lone Star State.

And today we're going to prove it. Below, you'll find what we consider to be the absolute must-visit waterfalls in Texas. From the magical falls of Hamilton Pool and the beguiling Gorman Falls to Capote Falls, a 175-foot fall sure to leave your jaw on the floor, here are the best waterfalls in Texas for your bucket list.

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Senate May Have The Votes To Scrap Biden's Nursing Home Staffing Mandate

A resolution aimed at overturning President Biden's controversial nursing home staffing minimums has a chance of passing the Senate.

Why it matters: The vote would show the resistance to the first-of-its-kind standard and reveal a rift among Democrats, even though Biden would almost certainly veto the measure.

- Nursing homes already are **challenging the mandate** in federal court.

Between the lines: Sens. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and Joe Manchin (I-W. Va.) are sponsoring the Congressional Review Act resolution released last week. They and all of the chamber's Republicans could deliver the simple majority of votes required for passage.

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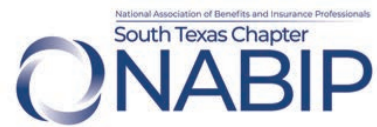


How Regulatory Ambiguity Is Impeding Healthcare Innovation

Every day, Americans benefit from consumer-friendly technology that has radically improved every aspect of their lives. But these benefits have lagged in healthcare due to its distinct complexities and challenges. In Zocdoc's nearly 17 years, we have seen waves of digital health entrants come and go. In fact, 90 percent of health-tech startups have gone bust. In hushed conversations among struggling digital health leaders, a high hurdle comes up time and again: regulatory ambiguity.

The challenge for digital health innovators is that our nation's healthcare regulations were signed into law in the mid-20th century. Legislators never anticipated the Internet, much less the digital health tools that followed. As a result there is sufficient ambiguity, and digital health companies — and the buyers of their services — struggle to interpret these vintage regulations for their modern operations.

Now, America's healthcare regulations exist for good reasons: they protect patients and providers, they prevent fraud, waste, and abuse, they ensure our nation's dollars are being spent efficiently, and more. It is critical to preserve these important guardrails. It is equally critical that we modernize America's healthcare laws. We must reject the false choice between protection and innovation.
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