

Congress Weighs Health AI Policy Amid Shifting Political Landscape

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At a recent House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee [hearing](#), lawmakers explored innovative use cases and challenges of artificial intelligence in health care, revealing deep [partisan divides](#) on AI regulations while acknowledging a few areas of bipartisan concern. Although Republicans praised the Administration's hands-off approach to AI regulation, Democrats warned that innovation cannot thrive without adequate healthcare funding and equity. Despite broader disagreements, members found common ground on key issues: protecting mental health counseling using AI tools, safeguarding children's use of AI, and addressing algorithm-driven denials of care. Data privacy and reimbursement challenges also surfaced as major hurdles. The hearing marked the first major step in shaping health AI policy in the 119th Congress.