



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*October 22- [Biden-Harris Administration Issues Guidance to States on Required Medicaid and CHIP Coverage for COVID-19-Related Treatment](#). The Biden-Harris Administration is ensuring that 144 million people enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) have access to COVID-19 treatments. Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued guidance to states about the statutory requirement for states to cover COVID-19-related treatment without cost-sharing in Medicaid and CHIP for many seniors, low-income adults, pregnant women, children, and people with disabilities who receive health coverage through these programs.

*October 22- [CMS Reminds Eligible Consumers They Have Coverage for COVID-19 Booster Shots at No Cost](#). Following the U.S. Food & Drug Administration's (FDA) recent action that authorized a booster shot of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines for certain populations and a recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is reminding eligible consumers that coverage is available under Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and in the commercial health insurance market for this critical protection from the virus, including booster shots from all three manufacturers, without cost sharing.

*October 22- ICYMI – [HHS Invests over \\$560 million to Bolster Product Manufacturing to Increase Supply, Availability of COVID-19 Tests](#). As the Administration works to vaccinate the population, in the past several weeks the Biden Administration, through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), has invested more than half a billion dollars from the American Rescue Plan to boost manufacturing of key products needed to increase domestic testing supply. These investments are an integral part of the Administration's strategy to expand COVID-19 testing and make tests more widely available for Americans as we work to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect public health.

*October 25- [Preview HealthCare.gov Plans Now and Get Ready - Open Enrollment Starts November 1](#). Starting today, consumers can preview 2022 health insurance plans and prices on HealthCare.gov ahead of Marketplace Open Enrollment, which begins on November 1 and runs through January 15. This year, consumers will have more plan choices, and continue to benefit from lower costs thanks to President Biden's American Rescue Plan (ARP), making it easier to find quality, affordable health care coverage. In fact, four out of five consumers will be able to find health care coverage for \$10 or less per month with the extra savings made available under the ARP.

*October 25- [New HHS Actions Add to Biden Administration Efforts to Increase Access to Easy-to-Use Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Tests](#). As part of the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to increasing access to COVID-19 testing, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is taking several new actions to help reduce costs, make tests more available, and support bringing more tests to market in the U.S.

*October 25- [HHS Announces Nearly \\$800 Million in American Rescue Plan Funds to Support Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivors and their Children](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), is awarding a total of \$797.5 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children. The funds will cover COVID-19 testing, vaccines, mobile health units, and other support for domestic violence services programs, as well as increase support for sexual assault service providers and culturally specific services.

*October 27- [HHS Secretary Becerra Announces New Overdose Prevention Strategy](#). Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra today announced the release of the new [HHS Overdose Prevention Strategy](#), designed to increase access to the full range of care and services for individuals who use substances that cause overdose, and their families. This new strategy focuses on the multiple substances involved in overdose and the diverse treatment approaches for substance use disorder.

* October 27- [HHS Announces \\$256 Million to Expand Access to Equitable and Affordable Title X Family Planning Services](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [announced](#) the availability of up to \$256 million in grant funding to support equitable, affordable, client-centered, and high-quality family planning services through the Title X family planning program. Title X is the only federal grant program dedicated solely to providing individuals with comprehensive family planning and related preventive health services in communities across the United States.

*October 28- [CMS Extends Medicaid Postpartum Coverage in New Jersey for Over 8,000 People](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced today that an estimated 8,700 postpartum New Jerseyans will be guaranteed to maintain their Medicaid coverage for 12 months after the end of the pregnancy. This important step will help New

Jersey to provide pregnancy-related care with the goal of preventing unnecessary postpartum-related illness and death. Today's announcement is part of the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to address the nation's crisis in pregnancy-related deaths and to improve the health outcomes among underserved communities through access to critical care.

Fact Sheets

*October 25- [Marketplace 2022 Open Enrollment Fact Sheet](#). The Marketplace Open Enrollment Period on HealthCare.gov runs from November 1, 2021 to January 15, 2022. Consumers who enroll by midnight December 15 can get full year coverage that starts January 1.

Blogs

*October 25- [Preview 2022 plans with price estimates today!](#) Before you apply for or renew 2022 coverage, you can preview 2022 plans with price estimates. You don't even have to log in.

*October 27- [Open Enrollment for 2022 coverage is days away](#). The wait is almost over: Open Enrollment for 2022 health insurance starts November 1. As you get ready to apply, here are a few important things to know:

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