



CMS Snapshot

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ICYMI: Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, the Administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), recently launched her official CMS Twitter account, [@BrooksLaSureCMS](#). Follow her on Twitter to find out more about CMS programs including Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the HealthCare.gov Health Insurance Marketplace.

News Releases

*June 11- [HHS Provides \\$424.7 Million to Rural Health Clinics for COVID-19 Testing and Mitigation in Rural Communities](#). Today, thanks to the American Rescue Plan, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provided \$424.7 million in funding to over 4,200 Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) for COVID-19 testing and mitigation. Later this summer, HRSA will issue up to \$35.3 million in additional funding to RHCs that meet eligibility requirements.

*June 11- [HHS Issues Revised Notice of Reporting Requirements and Reporting Timeline for Recipients of Provider Relief Fund Payments](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is releasing revised reporting requirements for recipients of Provider Relief Fund (PRF) payments. This announcement includes expanding the amount of time providers will have to report information, aims to reduce burdens on smaller providers, and extends key deadlines for expending PRF payments for recipients who received payments after June 30, 2020. The revised reporting requirements will be applicable to providers who received one or more payments exceeding, in the aggregate, \$10,000 during a single Payment Received Period from the PRF General Distributions, Targeted Distributions, and/or Skilled Nursing Facility and Nursing Home Infection Control Distributions.

*June 14- [Four in Ten New Consumers Spend \\$10 or Less Per Month for HealthCare.Gov Coverage Following Implementation of American Rescue Plan Tax Credits](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a new report that shows that more than 1 million new and returning consumers have health coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace that costs \$10 or less per month after advance payments of premium tax credits

(APTC) following the April 1 implementation of the American Rescue Plan's (ARP) expanded APTC. Of the 1,034,624 consumers who selected a Marketplace plan with premiums of \$10 or less per month, after APTC, 687,275 were returning consumers and 347,349 were new consumers.

*June 14- [HHS Awards \\$125 Million in Workforce Grants for Community-Based Efforts to Bolster COVID-19 Vaccinations in Underserved Communities](#). Today, thanks to the American Rescue Plan, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded \$125 million to support 14 nonprofit private or public organizations to reach underserved communities in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Freely Associated States to develop and support a community-based workforce that will engage in locally tailored efforts to build vaccine confidence and bolster COVID-19 vaccinations in underserved communities.

*June 16- [HHS Releases Project US@ Draft Technical Specification Version 1.0 for Comment](#). The Department of Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) in collaboration with standards development organizations and a broad community of experts today released the Project US@ ('USA') Draft Technical Specification Version 1.0 for public comment.

*June 17- [HHS Announces \\$80 million in American Rescue Plan Funding to Strengthen U.S. Public Health IT, Improve COVID-19 Data Collection, and Bolster Representation of Underrepresented Communities in Public Health IT Workforce](#). Today, thanks to the American Rescue Plan, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) is announcing the establishment of an \$80 million Public Health Informatics & Technology Workforce Development Program (PHIT Workforce Program) to strengthen U.S. public health informatics and data science. As part of this launch, ONC is inviting college and universities—particularly Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), and other minority-serving institutions (MSIs)—to apply for funding through a consortium that will develop the curriculum, recruit and train participants, secure paid internship opportunities, and assist in career placement at public health agencies, public health-focused non-profits or public health-focused private sector or clinical settings.

*June 17- [Biden Administration to Invest \\$3 Billion from American Rescue Plan as Part of COVID-19 Antiviral Development Strategy](#). Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, the Biden Administration is investing more than \$3 billion to accelerate the discovery, development and manufacturing of antiviral medicines as part of the Biden Administration's whole-of-government strategy to develop the next generation of COVID-19 treatments.

*June 17- [Statement by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on U.S. Supreme Court Decision to Uphold the Affordable Care Act in California v. Texas](#). "Once again, the Supreme Court has

made clear that the landmark Affordable Care Act is the law of the land. Today's ruling is a victory for all Americans, especially people with a pre-existing condition or anyone who was worried they could be forced to choose between their health and making ends meet. Health care should be a right -- not a privilege -- just for the healthy and wealthy."

*June 17 - [Statement from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure on U.S. Supreme Court Decision to Uphold the Affordable Care Act in California v. Texas](#)
"Millions of Americans can breathe a sigh of relief following today's Supreme Court 7-2 ruling upholding the Affordable Care Act. This victory assures access to affordable and comprehensive health insurance for patients and families across the country."

Fact Sheet

*June 14- [2021 Marketplace Special Enrollment Period Report](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reports that over 1.2 million Americans have signed up for health insurance through HealthCare.gov since February 15, the start of the 2021 Marketplace Special Enrollment Period (SEP) opportunity, through May 31, with 376,000 consumers signing up for health insurance in the month of May.[1]

Blog

*June 17- [How to pay your first premium and start your new coverage](#). Now that you're enrolled in 2021 Marketplace insurance, don't forget to pay your monthly [premium](#) directly to your health insurance company, not to the Health Insurance Marketplace®. Your coverage won't start until you do.

CMS has developed a [Virtual Toolkit](#) to help you stay informed on CMS and HHS materials available on the COVID-19. Please share these materials, bookmark the page, and check back often for the most up-to-date information. For more information, please email partnership@cms.hhs.gov