



## CMS Snapshot

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#### News Releases

\*May 25- [Secretary Becerra Delivers Remarks to the 74th World Health Assembly](#). *As Delivered* Assembly President, Director General Tedros, fellow ministers, and distinguished leaders: "On behalf of the United States, I want to extend our thanks to the leadership of the World Health Organization and the staff who have worked tirelessly for the health and well-being of all humanity."

\*May 25- [HHS to Dedicate \\$4.8 Billion from American Rescue Plan to COVID-19 Testing for the Uninsured](#). Today, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is announcing that it is dedicating \$4.8 billion from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to support the HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program. This funding will allow the program to continue reimbursing health care providers for testing uninsured individuals for COVID-19. As of May 19, 2021, the program has issued nearly \$4 billion in testing reimbursements to providers.

\*May 25- [Clinical Laboratory Pays \\$25,000 to Settle Potential HIPAA Security Rule Violations](#). Peachstate Health Management, LLC, doing business as AEON Clinical Laboratories (Peachstate), has agreed to pay \$25,000 to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and to implement a corrective action plan to settle potential violations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Security Rule. Peachstate is based in Georgia and is certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA). Peachstate provides diagnostic and laboratory-developed tests, including clinical and genetic testing services.

\*May 25- [OCR Provides Technical Assistance to the State of Arizona to Ensure Crisis Standards of Care Protect Against Age and Disability Discrimination](#). The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has resolved a complaint against the State of Arizona involving its crisis standards of care ("CSC") guidelines. The complaint was brought by the Arizona Center for Disability Law, the Arc of Arizona, the Arizona Center for Law in the

Public Interest, the Native American Disability Law Center, and a number of national and local disability and aging advocacy groups. OCR provided technical assistance and used a collaborative process to revise the State of Arizona's guidelines to reflect legal requirements and best practices regarding the needs of people with disabilities and older adults. This effort builds on OCR's continuing work to ensure non-discrimination during COVID-19.

\*May 25- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Announces Additional Biden Administration Staff Appointments](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced additional Biden Administration appointments: "HHS has made incredible progress expanding vaccine access, lowering health care premiums, and leading the advocacy charge for the American Families Plan," said HHS Chief of Staff Sean McCluskie. "Our growing team reflects our commitment to continue fighting for the health of this country during a time of great need and even greater opportunity."

\*May 26- [CMS Encourages Companies to Promote Quality, Affordable Health Coverage for Gig Workers](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is encouraging online platform companies to share information with gig workers on their ability to enroll in affordable, quality, health coverage during the 2021 Marketplace Special Enrollment Period (SEP). Digital platforms – including Delivery Drivers, Inc., DoorDash, Lyft, Postmates, StyleSeat, Uber, and Wonolo – are participating in "Gig Workers' Week of Action" to promote Marketplace healthcare plans to their workforces.

*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](mailto:partnership@cms.hhs.gov)*