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News Releases

*March 4- [Readout of Secretary Becerra's Virtual COVID-19 Dialogue with Ministers of Health](#).

At the beginning of the third year of the global response to COVID-19, a pandemic that has upended lives and impacted nearly all aspects of societies around the world, there is a need to redouble efforts to mitigate the ongoing acute impacts of this disease, while also shifting the vision toward sustained disease control. Reaching these shared goals requires sustained international collaboration, and governments and stakeholders must continue to exchange information, including lessons learned during the earlier stages of the pandemic.

*March 4- [In New Hampshire, Secretary Becerra Highlighted the Importance of Family Planning and Mental Health Funding](#). Today, March 4, 2022, in Manchester, New Hampshire,

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra toured a community health center for youth and families and led two roundtable discussions emphasizing the Biden-Harris Administration's support for family planning programs and mental health services. Throughout the trip, he engaged with state and federal leaders and health care workers who have supported their communities throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

*March 7- [Statement by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on Women's History Month](#). Today, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra released the following statement in honor of Women's History Month, celebrated every year in the United States throughout the month of March, and in recognition of International Day of Women on March 8, 2022.

*March 7- [Statement by HHS Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs Loyce Pace on International Women's Day](#). Today, ahead of International Women's Day on Tuesday, March 8, Health and Human Services (HHS) Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs Loyce Pace, released the following statement.

*March 9- [HHS Announces Nearly \\$35 Million To Strengthen Mental Health Support for Children and Young Adults](#). Today, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) – through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the

Office of Minority Health (OMH) – announced nearly \$35 million in funding opportunities to strengthen and expand community mental health services and suicide prevention programs for America’s children and young adults. The American Rescue Plan funded \$9.2 million. This announcement is part of a new Administration-wide initiative to tackle the nation’s mental health crisis.

Fact Sheets

*March 7- [Fact Sheet: Celebrating Women’s History Month 2022](#). The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to supporting women and ensuring their access to health care. At the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), our commitment to women is not just a part of our history, it’s a critical part of our everyday mission. Our programs and initiatives over the last year have focused on improving the lives of women and their families in their communities, homes, and workplaces. We’ve provided grants to thousands of women facing challenges while taking care of their families. Programs like Medicaid ensure postpartum care for many women and their babies and our Title X and community clinics provide care for women nationwide.

*March 8- [Fact Sheet: Biden Administration Launches Nationwide Test-to-Treat Initiative Ensuring Rapid ‘On the Spot’ Access to Lifesaving COVID Treatments](#). As part of President Biden’s [National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan](#) to help America move forward safely, the Biden-Harris Administration is launching a nationwide Test to Treat Initiative this week so Americans can rapidly access needed COVID-19 treatments. Through this program, people who test positive for COVID-19 will be able to visit hundreds of local pharmacy-based clinics and federally-qualified community health centers (FHQCs), and residents of long-term care facilities will in one stop, be assessed by a qualified health care provider who can prescribe antiviral pills on the spot. This ensures that, if people who are at high risk for developing severe disease test positive and if administration of an antiviral is appropriate, they can get treatment quickly and easily. The program is run by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and includes a direct allocation of antiviral pills to participating clinics, centers, and facilities.

Blog

*March 10- [How to file taxes using Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace® Statement](#). Attention: There’s less than one month until the April 18, 2022 tax filing deadline. If anyone in your household had a Marketplace plan in 2021, you’ll use Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace® Statement to file your federal taxes. This form came from the Marketplace, not the IRS. Make sure this form is correct, then store it with your other important tax information.

CMS has developed a [Virtual Toolkit](#) to help you stay informed on all CMS and HHS materials available on the COVID-19 pandemic. 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