



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*September 23- [Biden-Harris Administration Awards More Than \\$1.6 Billion in Funds for Communities Addressing Addiction and Overdose Crises](#). *Four Types of Awards for State, Tribal, and Rural Opioid Response and Technical Assistance Will Fund Spectrum of Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment and Recovery Supports for People in Need.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is awarding more than \$1.6 billion in investments for communities throughout the country addressing the addiction and overdose crises, as a part of President Biden's comprehensive effort to prevent overdoses and save lives.

*September 23- [HHS Announces Health Resources and Services Administration-Funded Health Centers Partnering With National Cancer Institute-Designated Cancer Centers to Improve Equity in Cancer Screening](#). *Initial \$5 million investment supports President Biden's Cancer Moonshot Initiative.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded over \$5 million to 11 HRSA-funded community health centers to facilitate access to life-saving cancer screenings and early detection services for underserved populations. These first-of-their-kind partnerships are bringing health centers together with National Cancer Institute (NCI)-Designated Cancer Centers. Today's announcement advances President Biden's [Cancer Moonshot goals](#), which aim to close the cancer screening gap, decrease the impact of preventable cancers, and support patients and caregivers.

*September 23- [HHS Announces Initiative to Help Uninsured and Underinsured Americans Access COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Treatment](#). *Efforts will help smooth transition of outpatient treatment bebtelovimab to commercial marketplace.* The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced a new effort to help uninsured and underinsured Americans access the COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatment bebtelovimab even after the product became available on the commercial market last month.

*September 26- [HHS Secretary Becerra Declares Public Health Emergency for Florida in Response to Hurricane Ian](#). *National Disaster Medical System personnel and resources pre-deployed to support health response.* U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra today declared a Public Health Emergency for the state of Florida to address health impacts as the state prepares for Hurricane Ian. The declaration follows President Biden's [emergency declaration](#) and gives the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) beneficiaries and their health care providers and suppliers greater flexibility in meeting emergency health needs.

*September 26- [Biden-Harris Administration Makes More Medicare Nursing Home Ownership Data Publicly Available, Improving Identification of Multiple Facilities Under Common Ownership](#). *In support of President Biden's plan to protect seniors, additional data files will provide a powerful new tool for researchers, state and federal agencies.* Today, in another effort to improve nursing home transparency, safety and quality, and accountability, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), is making additional data publicly available that provide more information about the ownership of all Medicare-certified nursing homes.

*September 27- [CMS Announces Resources and Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in the State of Florida](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced today additional resources and flexibilities available in response to Hurricane Ian in the State of Florida. CMS is working closely with the State of Florida to put these flexibilities in place to ensure those affected by this natural disaster have access to the care they need – when they need it most.

*September 27- [HHS Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm Gets Updated COVID-19 Vaccine](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm received the updated COVID-19 vaccine during a visit to a vaccination clinic run by YourTown Health at the Palmetto Community Center in Palmetto, Georgia. In addition to receiving the updated COVID-19 vaccine, Deputy Secretary Palm toured the health center, one of the tens of thousands of locations across the country with free updated COVID-19 vaccines available.

*September 27- [Joint Statement by the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, Dr. Theresa Tam, and Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Rachel Levine, MD, on Substance Use and Harms During COVID-19](#). Today, the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, Dr. Theresa Tam, and the United States Assistant Secretary for Health, Admiral Rachel Levine, MD, issued the following joint statement on the release of a white paper on substance use and harms.

*September 27- [Joint Statement of the United States of America and the World Health Organization on the U.S.-WHO Strategic Dialogue](#). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus held the first U.S.-WHO Strategic Dialogue. Convened under the Biden-Harris Administration, the U.S.-WHO Strategic Dialogue provides a platform to maximize

the longstanding U.S. government-WHO partnership, and to protect and promote the health of all people around the globe, including the American people.

*September 28- [HHS Approves Groundbreaking Medicaid Initiatives in Massachusetts and Oregon](#). *Initiatives will ensure children in Oregon have continuous Medicaid coverage until the age of six, and expand access to coverage and address nutrition and housing needs in Massachusetts and Oregon. Approvals of the initiatives come during the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health, taking direct action on the Biden-Harris Administration's National Strategy to end hunger, reduce diet-related diseases, and eliminate health inequities.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), approved groundbreaking Medicaid section 1115 demonstration initiatives in Massachusetts and Oregon. Both demonstrations aim to test improvements in coverage, access, and quality with innovative approaches to ensure more eligible people retain their Medicaid coverage, including by approving Oregon's demonstration to keep children enrolled in Medicaid up to age six — preventing gaps in coverage that can cause children to lose access to needed care in their formative early years.

*September 29- [Grants Quality Service Management Office \(Grants QSMO\) Launches Marketplace](#). The Grants Quality Service Management Office (Grants QSMO) today formally launched its public-facing Grants QSMO Marketplace of validated Federal shared solutions/services for use by all Federal agencies that award grants and/or cooperative agreements. The launch of this public-facing Grants QSMO Marketplace accomplishes one of the major designation criteria set forth in [OMB Memorandum M-19-16 - PDF](#), to establish and govern the sustainability of a marketplace of quality shared solutions/services.

Fact Sheet

*September 27- [2023 Medicare Parts A & B Premiums and Deductibles 2023 Medicare Part D Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts](#). On September 27, 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the 2023 premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance amounts for the Medicare Part A and Part B programs, and the 2023 Medicare Part D income-related monthly adjustment amounts.

Blogs

*September 26- [Innovators, Everywhere! LymeX Diagnostics Prize Attracts Over 50 Submissions](#). By: [Kristen Honey, PhD, PMP](#), Chief Data Scientist, Executive Director of InnovationX, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and [Daniel Desautels](#), ORISE Fellow, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services and the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation (Cohen Foundation) announced that the [LymeX Diagnostics Prize](#) received 52 Phase 1 submissions. From May to August 2022, the first phase of this [Lyme Innovation Accelerator](#) competition called on experts to submit innovative detection methods that will advance Lyme disease diagnostics. Hailing from a range of organizations—including academia, innovation centers, major diagnostics corporations, and startup labs—entrants submitted a breadth of proposed solutions for detecting active Lyme disease infections in people. The ultimate goal of the multiphase competition is to nurture the development of diagnostics toward Food and Drug Administration review.

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