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News Releases

*May 26- [Readout: HHS Leaders Host Roundtable on Maximizing Federal Resources to Strengthen Children’s Mental Health](#). *As part of National Tour to Strengthen Mental Health, HHS hears from providers on ways to collaborate and enhance mental health and crisis care systems for children, youth, and families.* On Wednesday, May 25, 2022, as part of the [National Tour to Strengthen Mental Health](#), leaders from agencies across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) held a roundtable discussion following their call for states, tribes, and jurisdictions to maximize their efforts to strengthen children’s mental health and well-being. Earlier today, in [a joint letter](#) signed by the heads of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), and the Administration for Community Living (ACL), HHS outlined department-wide plans to support and facilitate state-level coordination across federal funding streams to advance and expand mental health services for children.

*May 27- [CMS Releases Analysis on 2022 Medicare Part B Premium Reexamination](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a [report](#) that recommends cost savings from lower-than-expected Medicare Part B spending be passed along to people with Medicare Part B coverage in the calculation of the 2023 Part B premium. Earlier this year, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra [instructed](#) CMS to reassess the 2022 Part B premium amount in response to a price reduction for Aduhelm™, a monoclonal antibody directed against amyloid for use in treating Alzheimer’s disease. Given the information available today, it is expected that the 2023 premium will be lower than 2022. The final determination will be made later this fall.

*May 27- [HHS Secretary Becerra Invokes Defense Production Act for Third Time to Further Increase Production of Infant Formula for American Families](#). U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra today invoked the Defense Production Act (DPA) for a third time

in less than a week, moving to ensure Cargill Inc. (Cargill) can deliver the raw materials to maximize production of infant formula.

*May 27- [Statement from HHS Secretary Becerra: 2022 Medicare Part B Premium Increase Attributable to Alzheimer's Drug Aduhelm Will Be Adjusted and Incorporated Into Upcoming 2023 Medicare Premium Determination](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra announced that Medicare Part B premiums paid by Medicare beneficiaries for 2022 should be adjusted downward to account for an overestimate in costs attributable to the inclusion of new Alzheimer's drug Aduhelm within the Medicare program for reimbursement. Due to the legal and operational hurdles in adjusting Medicare premiums midstream in 2022, the reduction in premium costs attributable to Aduhelm will be incorporated into Medicare premiums for 2023 to lower Part B premiums paid by Medicare beneficiaries.

*May 27- [HHS Region 8 Director Visits Utah to Promote Secretary Becerra's Initiatives around Equity, Mental Health, and Maternal Health](#). HHS Region 8 includes Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, and over 30 federally recognized tribes. This week, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Region 8 Director Lily Griego, appointed by the Biden-Harris Administration, visited Utah to speak with state and community leaders about how the Biden-Harris Administration and HHS are working to strengthen equitable access to care in Utah and across the nation. During her trip, Director Griego also spoke with state and community leaders about the Biden-Harris Administration and HHS' initiatives to tackle the nation's mental health and substance use crisis through HHS' [National Tour to Strengthen Mental Health](#) and [Overdose Prevention Strategy](#).

*May 31- [Biden-Harris Administration Establishes HHS Office of Environmental Justice](#). *Groundbreaking office advances President Biden's commitment to protect the health of communities on the frontlines of pollution.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is establishing an Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) to better protect the health of disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations on the frontlines of pollution and other environmental health issues. The new office will sit within the Office of Climate Change and Health Equity at HHS, which President Biden created as part of his [Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis](#) at Home and Abroad to ensure the Biden-Harris Administration strengthens and safeguards the health and well-being of the American people as it confronts climate change.

*May 31- [IHS Allocates \\$700 Million From President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to Improve Tribal Water and Sanitation Systems](#). Today, the Indian Health Service is announcing allocation decisions for \$700 million appropriated to the IHS in President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which appropriates \$700 million in each fiscal year from FY 2022 through FY 2026, for a total of \$3.5 billion for the IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Program.

*June 1- [Statement by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on the Third Operation Fly Formula Flight](#). Today, President Biden [announced](#) that his Administration has arranged the third Operation Fly Formula flight for the first shipment of Kendamil infant formula entering the United States. United Airlines has agreed to transport multiple shipments of Kendamil formula free of charge from Heathrow Airport in London to multiple airports across the country over a three-week period. These are the first Operation Formula Flights to be donated by an airline carrier. U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra issued the following statement.

*June 1- [Statement by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on the Fourth Operation Fly Formula Flight](#). Today, President Biden [announced](#) that his Administration is sourcing two flights, facilitated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), for Operation Fly Formula to transport Bubs Australia infant formulas from Melbourne, Australia to Pennsylvania and California on June 9 and June 11 respectively. This delivery will include 380,000 pounds of Bubs Australia infant formula, approximately 4.6 million 8-ounce bottles. Additional deliveries of Bubs Australia Infant formula will be announced in the coming days. HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra issued the following statement.

*June 1- [Statements by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and HHS Principals on Pride Month](#). *Earlier today, HHS raised the Progress Pride Flag outside its headquarters building to commemorate Pride Month.* Today, after raising the Progress Pride Flag outside of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) headquarters building, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and other HHS leaders from across the Department released the following statements to celebrate Pride Month.

*June 1- [Remarks by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra at the White House Roundtable with Infant Formula Manufacturers](#). *As Prepared for Delivery.* Mr. President, thank you for convening today's roundtable. At your direction, we are working tirelessly to get infant formula into the hands of parents across the country in need. As a mom named Alexa from Leesburg, Virginia recently told my staff, her sons — a one-and-a-half year-old and a six-month-old — rely on specialty formula, because of a pre-existing condition.

*June 1- [HHS Issues Recommendations to Improve Care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs](#). *An updated national framework recommends systemic improvements in access, equity, quality of life, and finances for nearly 1 in 5 children in the U.S.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), released [The Blueprint for Change: A National Framework for a System of Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs](#) through a special supplement in the journal, *Pediatrics*. The *Blueprint for Change* is a national framework to improve care for the nearly 1 in 5 children in the U.S. who currently has a special health care need.

Blog

*June 2- [Have a healthy summer with these 3 tips](#). Now that you have Marketplace health coverage, learn what you can do to stay healthy and get the care you need this summer.

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