



## CMS Snapshot

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### News Releases

\*June 30- [Biden-Harris Administration Takes Action to Expand Access to Emergency Care Services in Rural Communities](#). Today, as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's ongoing effort to strengthen rural health, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is releasing a new proposed rule protecting access to emergency care and additional outpatient services for people in rural communities. CMS is establishing the Conditions of Participation (CoPs) for Rural Emergency Hospitals (REHs). The proposed rule will allow small rural hospitals to seek this new health care provider designation and provide continued access to emergency services, observation care, and additional medical and outpatient services.

\*June 30- [CMS Approves 12-month Extension of Postpartum Coverage in Washington State](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), approved Washington state's extension of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage for 12 months after pregnancy. As a result, up to an additional 12,000 people annually will now have access to Medicaid or CHIP coverage for a full year after pregnancy. With today's approval, an estimated 265,000 Americans annually in 15 states and D.C. have gained access to 12 months of postpartum coverage.

\*June 30- [CMS Publishes Program Year 2021 Open Payments Data on Health Care Providers](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published Program Year (PY) 2021 Open Payments (PY) [data](#) to publicly disclose the financial relationships between applicable manufacturers and group purchasing organizations (GPOs) (known as "reporting entities") and certain health care providers (known as "covered recipients"). This data publication reflects a total of 12.10 million records and \$10.90 billion in publishable payments or transfers of value made to covered health care providers during PY 2021. It also includes newly submitted or updated records from previous program years.

\*June 30- [Readout of Secretary Becerra's call with Governors in Wake of Supreme Court Decision on Roe](#). On Monday, June 27, 2022, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Becerra convened a virtual roundtable with Governors to discuss the recent *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* Supreme Court Ruling, reiterate HHS' [commitment to reproductive health care access](#), and listen to any state-specific concerns.

\*June 30- [HHS Announces New Grants to Bolster Family Planner Provider Training](#). *New Grants seek to help with provider training on family planning care.* The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Population Affairs, announced nearly \$3 million in new funding bolster training and technical assistance for the nationwide network of Title X family planning providers. Today's funding follows the sexual and reproductive health action plan HHS announced earlier this week in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision to take away the right to safe and legal abortion care.

\*July 1- [Readout: DAS visit to two Title X family planning grantees in Boston](#). On July 1, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs (DAS) and Director of the HHS Office of Population Affairs and HHS Office of Adolescent Health Jessica Swafford Marcella visited Boston to meet with the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Marylou Sudders, Commissioner Margret Cooke, several staff of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), reproductive health care providers, and Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABCD). Both MDPH and ABCD are Title X family planning program grantees.

\*July 1- [HHS Awards Over \\$155 Million to Expand Training for Primary Care Residents in Underserved and Rural Communities](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announced over \$155 million in awards for 72 teaching health centers that operate primary care medical and dental residency programs that include high need specialties such as psychiatry, as part of President Biden's Unity Agenda to address the nation's mental health crisis.

\*July 1- [HHS Orders 2.5 Million More Doses of JYNNEOS Vaccine For Monkeypox Preparedness](#). *Order will bring federal government's rapidly available supply to more than 4 million vaccines.* The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today ordered an additional 2.5 million doses of Bavarian Nordic's JYNNEOS, an FDA-licensed vaccine indicated for prevention of smallpox and monkeypox, for use in responding to current or future monkeypox outbreaks and as part of U.S. smallpox preparedness. Deliveries from this latest order will begin arriving at the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) later this year and will continue through early 2023.

\*July 1- [Biden-Harris Administration Announces Additional Deliveries of Vaccine as Part of Nationwide Vaccine Strategy for Preventing Monkeypox](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today began delivering additional doses of vaccine as part of an enhanced nationwide vaccination strategy to mitigate the spread of monkeypox in communities

where transmission is highest and with populations most at risk. As new orders come in, HHS will ship doses to those jurisdictions within one business day.

\*July 5- [Two Operation Fly Formula Flights Scheduled for Week of July 4](#). *By July 10, Operation Fly Formula will have transported more than 43 million 8-ounce bottle equivalents to the U.S.* There are two Operation Fly Formula flights currently scheduled for the week of July 4, projected to import approximately 3.2 million 8-ounce bottle equivalents of infant formula to the United States. By July 10, Operation Fly Formula flights will have completed 39 flights and imported more than 43 million 8-ounce bottle equivalents of infant formula.

\*July 6- [HHS Provides States with Additional Resources to Improve Oversight and Ensure Access to Quality Care in Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Programs](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) unveiled a suite of new resources to improve CMS and state oversight of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) managed care programs. These programs provide people with health benefits and additional services through contracted arrangements with managed care plans. Released in a Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services Informational Bulletin (CIB), this new information includes tools, templates, and updates on tactics to improve states reporting on their managed care programs, which promotes access to care for millions of people enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.

## Fact Sheets

\*June 30- [Conditions of Participation for Rural Emergency Hospitals and Critical Access Hospital COP Updates \(CMS-3419-P\)](#). Rural Emergency Hospitals (REHs) are a new provider type established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 to address the growing concern over closures of rural hospitals. The REH designation provides an opportunity for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and certain rural hospitals to avert potential closure and continue to provide essential services for the communities they serve. Conversion to an REH allows for the provision of emergency services, observation care, and additional medical and health outpatient services, if elected by the REH, that do not exceed an annual per patient average of 24 hours. This new provider type will promote equity in health care for those living in rural communities by facilitating access to needed services.

## Blogs

\*July 5- [CMS Innovation Center Tackles Implicit Bias](#). Melissa Majerol, Dora Hughes. *Note: This blog was originally posted on HealthAffairs.org on July 5, 2022.* Excerpt: The disparate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on beneficiaries based on factors such as race, ethnicity, geography, and income, as well as a review of lessons from its first decade of work, led the Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Innovation Center to articulate a new vision: “Achieve equitable outcomes through high quality, affordable, person-centered care.” To realize this vision, the Innovation Center developed a [strategic plan](#) organized around five objectives, one of which is to advance health equity.

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