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News Releases

*June 2- [Treasury Releases Social Security and Medicare Trustees Reports](#). Following a meeting of the Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees, the U.S. Department of the Treasury—joined by Departments of Health and Human Services and Labor, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and the Social Security Administration—released the annual Social Security and Medicare Trustees Reports.

*June 3- [HHS Extends American Rescue Plan Spending Deadline for States to Expand and Enhance Home- and Community-Based Services for People with Medicaid](#). *States will have an additional year to use American Rescue Plan funds to strengthen the home care workforce and expand access to services.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), is notifying states that they now have an additional year — through March 31, 2025 — to use funding made available by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to enhance, expand, and strengthen home- and community-based services (HCBS) for people with Medicaid who need long-term services and supports. This policy update marks the latest action by the Biden-Harris Administration to strengthen the health care workforce, help people receive care in the setting of their choice, and reduce unnecessary reliance on institutional care.

*June 6- [Statement by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on the Fifth Operation Fly Formula Flight](#). Today, President Biden [announced](#) that his Administration is sourcing a flight, facilitated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), for Operation Fly Formula to transport Nestlé infant formulas from Cologne, Germany to Fort Worth, Texas on June 9. This delivery will include 110,000 pounds of Nestlé NAN SupremePro Stage 1 infant formula, approximately 1.6 million 8-ounce bottles. The product will be available across the country through Nestlé/Gerber distribution channels, and additional deliveries of Nestlé formula will be announced in the coming days.

*June 8- [HHS Invests Nearly \\$15 Million to Prevent and Treat Stimulant Use in Rural Communities](#). *Funding aims to curb increase in psychostimulant misuse and overdose deaths.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announced nearly \$15 million in funding for rural communities to address psychostimulant misuse and related overdose deaths.

Psychostimulants include methamphetamine and other illegal drugs, such as cocaine and ecstasy, as well as prescription stimulants for conditions such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or depression. Today's funding helps support the President's [National Drug Control Strategy](#) and deliver on his Unity Agenda priority of beating the overdose epidemic.

*June 9- [HHS Announces National Competition to Spark Innovation that Will Improve Patient Access to Primary Care](#). *Open to broad public participation with a total of \$1 million in cash prizes for up to 30 winners.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announced the launch of the [Building Bridges to Better Health: A Primary Health Care Challenge](#), a national competition with a total of \$1 million in cash prizes to encourage innovation through technical assistance to health centers.

Blog

*June 6- [The CMS National Quality Strategy: A Person-Centered Approach to Improving Quality](#). *Michelle Schreiber, M.D.; Adam C. Richards, MA; Jean Moody-Williams, RN, MPP; Lee A. Fleisher, M.D.* The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) administers health care coverage for more than 150 million individuals through Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Marketplace – HealthCare.gov. The vision of the agency is straightforward: To serve the public as a trusted partner and steward, dedicated to advancing health equity, expanding access to affordable coverage and care, and improving health outcomes – the latter being key to this discussion. In addition to its traditional role in coverage, CMS has a critically important responsibility for improving health outcomes, and one aspect of that work is quality.

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