



## CMS Snapshot

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#### News Releases

\*May 19- [Statement from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on FDA and CDC Expanding Eligibility for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters for 5-11 Year Olds](#). Following action taken earlier this week by U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to expand eligibility for a booster shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to children 5 through 11, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra issued the following statement.

\*May 20- [Remarks by HHS Deputy Secretary Palm at the One-Year Anniversary of the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act](#). *As Prepared for Delivery*. Thank you, Attorney General Garland, for hosting this event. On behalf of Secretary Becerra and our colleagues at the Department of Health and Human Services, it is my pleasure to join you in commemorating the one-year anniversary of the signing of the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act.

\*May 20- [DOJ, Joined by HHS, Announce New Initiatives to Address and Prevent Hate Crimes and Hate Incidents](#). *Announcement Comes on One Year Anniversary of Enactment of COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act*. On the one-year anniversary of enactment of the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, the Department of Justice – joined by the Department of Health and Human Services – announced a series of actions to deter and confront hate crimes and other bias-related incidents, including the following.

\*May 22- [HHS Secretary Becerra Invokes Defense Production Act to Accelerate Delivery of Raw Materials and More Needed to Manufacture Infant Formula](#). HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra today invoked the Defense Production Act (DPA) in order to ensure manufacturers obtain raw materials and consumables needed to further accelerate production of infant formula.

\*May 23- [New Surgeon General Advisory Sounds Alarm on Health Worker Burnout and Resignation](#). *During Mental Health Awareness Month, Surgeon General's Advisory Highlights the Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Health Workers, Who Already Faced Crisis Levels of Burnout Prior to the Pandemic. There is a Projected Shortage of More than 3 Million Essential*

*Low-Wage Health Workers in the Next Five Years and a Projected Shortage of Nearly 140,000 Physicians by 2033.* Today, United States Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy issued a new Surgeon General's Advisory highlighting the urgent need to address the health worker burnout crisis across the country. Health workers, including physicians, nurses, community and public health workers, nurse aides, among others, have long faced systemic challenges in the health care system even before the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to crisis levels of burnout.

\*May 23- [Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs Loyce Pace Delivers Remarks to the 75th World Health Assembly](#). *As Delivered*. Assembly President, Director General Tedros, Ministers, and distinguished leaders: On behalf of the United States of America, I am honored to address this 75th World Health Assembly. 75 years ago, U.S. President Harry Truman called on the United States to join the World Health Organization for a simple reason: The world faced urgent international health challenges. Challenges that knew no borders and that bound us together with a community of purpose.

\*May 23- [Readout of HHS Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs Loyce Pace's Bilateral Meeting with the Minister of Health of Ukraine](#). On Monday, May 23, 2022, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs, Loyce Pace, hosted a bilateral meeting with Viktor Liashko, the Minister of Healthcare of Ukraine and both countries' delegations at the 75th World Health Assembly, currently taking place in Geneva, Switzerland.

\*May 25- [Readout of HHS Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs Loyce Pace's Bilateral Meeting with Deputy Minister of Health of Taiwan](#). On Wednesday, May 25, 2022, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs, Loyce Pace, hosted a bilateral meeting with Li-Feng Lee, Deputy Minister of Health and Welfare of Taiwan at the 75th World Health Assembly, currently taking place in Geneva, Switzerland.

\*May 25- [HHS Leaders Urge States to Maximize Efforts to Support Children's Mental Health](#). *Building on Secretary Becerra's National Tour to Strengthen Mental Health, HRSA, CMS, SAMHSA, CDC, ACF, and ACL commit to working with states, tribes, and jurisdictions to best leverage federal resources.* Today, agencies across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a joint letter to states, tribes, and jurisdictions encouraging them to prioritize and maximize their efforts to strengthen children's mental health and well-being. The letter, signed by leaders 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), outlines HHS' plans to support and facilitate state-level coordination across federal funding streams to advance and expand mental health services for children.

\*May 25- [HHS Secretary Becerra Establishes ARPA-H within NIH, Names Adam H. Russell, D.Phil. Acting Deputy Director](#). Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra today announced the formal establishment of the [Advanced Research Project Agency for Health \(ARPA-H\)](#) as an

independent entity within the National Institutes of Health and the appointment of Adam H. Russell, D.Phil., as acting deputy director. Currently, Dr. Russell is the Chief Scientist at University of Maryland's Applied Research Laboratory for Intelligence and Security (ARLIS). He spent more than a decade as a Program Manager, first at the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA) and then at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). Dr. Russell will begin his new role in June.

\*May 25- [HHS Applauds 12-Month Postpartum Expansion in California, Florida, Kentucky, and Oregon](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved California, Florida, Kentucky, and Oregon actions to expand Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage to 12 months postpartum for a total of an additional 126,000 families across their states, annually—supporting 57,000; 52,000; 10,000; and 7,000 parents, respectively.

## Blogs

\*May 19- [Vaccinations are One of the Tools to Help Eliminate Viral Hepatitis in the U.S.](#)  
By: [Rachel Levine, M.D.](#), Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH). May is [Hepatitis Awareness Month](#), when we focus on raising awareness of viral hepatitis while encouraging testing and vaccination. Knowing your status is the first step in preventing and treating viral hepatitis. Both hepatitis A and hepatitis B are preventable with safe and effective vaccines, and hepatitis C is curable with prescribed treatment.

\*May 19- [Find health insurance for recent graduates](#). Congratulations graduates. As you enter your next chapter, don't forget how important it is to have health insurance to protect you in case you get hurt or sick. Since you're just starting out, [you may qualify for savings](#) that can make insurance less expensive.

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