



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*April 29- [New Reports Show Record 35 Million People Enrolled in Coverage Related to the Affordable Care Act, with Historic 21 Million People Enrolled in Medicaid Expansion Coverage.](#)

Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through the Office of the Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), released a report showing new estimates for coverage related to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), concluding that the total enrollment for Medicaid expansion, Marketplace coverage, and the Basic Health Program in participating states has reached an all-time high of more than 35 million people as of early 2022.

*April 29- [CMS Issues New Policies to Provide Greater Transparency for Medicare Advantage and Part D Plans.](#) *Updated measures for 2023 will advance equity and increase access to affordable care.* Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule for the Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D prescription drug programs that will improve experiences for dually eligible beneficiaries and provide greater transparency for the MA and Part D programs.

*April 30- [Remarks by HHS Assistant Secretary for Health ADM Rachel Levine for the 2022 Out For Health Conference.](#) *As Prepared for Delivery.* “I suspect every one of you remembers the day you took the Hippocratic Oath to do no harm. I took that oath in 1983. I was called to medicine, as many of you were, by my desire to help people and work towards the common good.”

*May 2- [Joint Statement by HHS Secretary Becerra, Ambassador Tai, Erika Moritsugu, and Krystal Ka'ai in Celebration of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.](#) Today, in celebration of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and U.S. Trade Representative Ambassador Katherine Tai – Co-Chairs of both the White House Initiative and the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders – along with Deputy Assistant to the President and AA and NHPI Senior Liaison Erika Moritsugu, and White

House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI) Executive Director Krystal Ka'ai, released the following joint statement.

*May 3- [Statement on Alleged Draft Supreme Court Opinion Re: Roe v. Wade from Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra](#). Today, Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra released the following statement on the heels of [a Politico report](#) 

*May 3- [HHS Awards Nearly \\$25 Million to Expand Access to School-Based Health Services](#). *HRSA's Health Center Program connects underserved children, adolescents, and their families to quality, affordable health care, including mental health services.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded nearly \$25 million to improve and strengthen access to school-based health services in communities across the country. Awards will support local partnerships between schools and health centers to provide children and youth the comprehensive physical and mental health care they need.

*May 3- [Secretary Becerra and HHS Leaders Recognize Mental Health Awareness Month 2022](#). *HHS is committed to addressing the nation's behavioral health crises and strengthening mental health of all Americans.* Today, Secretary Xavier Becerra and leaders across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the following statements in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, which is observed every year in May. As part of President Joe Biden's whole-of-government strategy to transform mental health services for all Americans—a key part of the President's Unity Agenda—Secretary Becerra kicked off the [HHS National Tour to Strengthen Mental Health](#) to address the mental health challenges that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, including substance use, youth mental health, and suicide.

*May 3- [Statements by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Rachel Levine, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs Jessica Marcella on the Inaugural National Adolescent Health Month](#). This week, to start the month of May, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Rachel Levine, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs Jessica Marcella released the following statements to mark the first-ever National Adolescent Health Month.

*May 4- [HHS Announces \\$55 Million Funding Opportunity for Latest Iteration of its Tribal Opioid Response Grant Program](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is announcing \$55 million in funding for its Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) grant program. This program reflects HHS' commitment to evidence-based programs addressing opioid and stimulant misuse in tribal communities, as well as the Biden-Harris Administration's Unity Agenda item of combatting addiction.

*May 4- [Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra Commit to Advancing Goals of White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health](#). *This Conference Marks the First of Its Kind in More Than 50 Years. The last time the White House held a conference on these issues was in 1969.* Today, the White House announced its commitment to end hunger, improve nutrition and physical activity, reduce diet-related diseases, and close disparity gaps by 2030. As part of this commitment, the White House will hold a conference this fall to catalyze the public and private sectors around a coordinated, whole-of-government strategy to accelerate progress, drive significant change. This is the second time the White House has held a conference focused on these issues; the first conference of this kind took place in 1969—53 years ago.

*May 4- [Readout: Secretary Becerra, Secretary Walsh Host Health Insurance, Business Leaders to Discuss Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder Parity](#). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Marty Walsh met with health insurance and business leaders on May 3, 2022, to discuss compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, adequacy of in-network providers and mental health and substance use disorder treatment during the pandemic, as the nation observes [Mental Health Awareness Month](#). 

Fact Sheets

*April 29- [CY 2023 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule \(CMS-4192-F\)](#). CMS is issuing a final rule that advances CMS' strategic vision of expanding access to affordable health care and improving health equity in Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D through lower out-of-pocket prescription drug costs and improved consumer protections.

*April 29- [Fact Sheet: Celebrating Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month 2022](#). The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to advancing health equity and improving health outcomes of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities. An estimated 24 million Asian Americans and 1.6 million Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders currently live in the U.S. The Asian American community is the fastest growing demographic group in the country, increasing by more than 35% over the last decade. Meanwhile, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are the third fastest growing population. [[Census](#), [Pew](#) 

*May 3- [Fact Sheet: Celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month 2022](#). The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to addressing the nation's behavioral health crises and strengthening mental health of all Americans. As part of President Joe Biden's whole-of-government strategy to transform mental health services for all Americans—a key part of the President's Unity Agenda—Secretary Becerra kicked off the [HHS National Tour to Strengthen](#)

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Blogs

*April 28- [Medicare Shared Savings Program: Celebrating 10 Years and Looking Forward to the Future](#). *Meena Seshamani, MD, PhD, Deputy Administrator and Director of Center for Medicare*. April marks the 10-year anniversary of the start of the agreement period for the first Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) in the Medicare Shared Savings Program (Shared Savings Program) – an ambitious program to reward health care providers for improving health care for people with Medicare. The program now includes 483 ACOs with over 525,000 participating clinicians serving more than 11 million Medicare beneficiaries.

*May 4- [Celebrating National Adolescent Health Month](#). *Jessica Swafford Marcella, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs and Director, Office of Adolescent Health*. Since 2015, the Office of Population Affairs (OPA) has been proud to spearhead National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, an annual observance each May that began more than twenty years ago with a day of action led by advocates to highlight our collective responsibility to address the high rates of unintended pregnancy among teens.

*May 5- [Remember to update us when your income & household changes](#). If you have Marketplace coverage and your income or household size recently changed, update your application to let the Marketplace know. These changes may impact the coverage or savings you're eligible for, like you may qualify for more savings than you're getting now. Act quickly so you don't miss out.

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