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News Releases

*November 28- [HHS Proposes New Protections to Increase Care Coordination and Confidentiality for Patients With Substance Use Challenges](#). *New Proposed Rule to Implement the Bipartisan CARES Act Legislation*. Today, the U.S. Health and Human Services Department, through the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), announced proposed changes to the Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Patient Records under 42 CFR part 2 (“Part 2”), which protects patient privacy and records concerning treatment related to substance use challenges from unauthorized disclosures. Specifically, today’s proposed rule increases coordination among providers in treatment for substance use challenges and increases protections for patients concerning records disclosure to avoid discrimination in treatment.

*November 28- [Biden Harris Administration Supports the World Health Organization Renaming of Monkeypox to mpox](#). Today, the Biden Harris Administration offered support for the World Health Organization (WHO) announcement that it is renaming monkeypox disease to mpox.

*December 1- [Statement from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on World AIDS Day](#). In commemoration of World AIDS Day, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra issued the statement below in solidarity with people around the world affected by HIV. World AIDS Day is observed on December 1 each year. The theme for this year’s observance is “Putting Ourselves to the Test: Achieving Equity to End HIV.” While great strides have been made over the four decades since the first known reported cases of AIDS, this disease remains a public health challenge. Data shows that despite the availability of tools to prevent transmission, without intervention, nearly 400,000 more Americans will be newly diagnosed over 10 years. Globally, there are about 1.5 million new cases of HIV every year, including over 35,000 new infections here in the United States.

*December 1- [New U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Medical Standards Expand Applicant Pool to People with Chronic Hepatitis B and Human Immunodeficiency Virus](#). The U.S.

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Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps, a uniformed service of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), publicly announced today that it is changing its medical standards to accept future applicants living with chronic hepatitis B and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

*December 1- [HHS Office for Civil Rights Issues Bulletin on Requirements under HIPAA for Online Tracking Technologies to Protect the Privacy and Security of Health Information](#). Today, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a bulletin to highlight the obligations of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) on covered entities and business associates (“regulated entities”) under the HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules (“HIPAA Rules”) when using online tracking technologies. These online tracking technologies, like Google Analytics or Meta Pixel, collect and analyze information about how internet users are interacting with a regulated entity’s website or mobile application.

Blog

*December 1- [Two weeks left to get Marketplace coverage that starts Jan 1](#). December 15 is the deadline to apply for, renew, or change your Marketplace health insurance for 2023 coverage that starts January 1. Don’t delay – visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) now!

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