



## CMS Snapshot

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#### News Releases

\*March 11- [On One-Year Anniversary of the American Rescue Plan, Secretary Becerra and HHS Leaders Celebrate Administration's Accomplishments in Building a Healthier America](#). Today, Secretary Xavier Becerra and leaders across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the following statements celebrating the one-year anniversary of President Joe Biden's enactment of the American Rescue Plan on March 11, 2021.

\*March 11- [Readout of Secretary Becerra's Virtual Roundtable on the American Rescue Plan Anniversary with Child Care Providers](#). On March 11, 2022, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra hosted a virtual roundtable with child care providers to discuss the impact that the passage of the Biden-Harris Administration's American Rescue Plan has had on the child care industry.

\*March 14- [New HHS Study in JAMA Pediatrics Shows Significant Increases in Children Diagnosed with Mental Health Conditions from 2016 to 2020](#). A new U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) study published in the American Medical Association's journal [JAMA Pediatrics \(HHS website disclaimer\)](#) reports significant increases in the number of children diagnose with mental health conditions.

\*March 15- [HHS Announces Funding for Substance Use Treatment and Prevention Programs](#). Today, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is announcing two grant programs totaling \$25.6 million that will expand access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder and prevent the misuse of prescription drugs. By reducing barriers to accessing the most effective, evidenced-based treatments, this funding reflects the priorities of HHS' [Overdose Prevention Strategy](#), as well as its new initiative to strengthen the nation's mental health and crisis care systems.

\*March 16- [Secretary Becerra and Ambassador Tai Reaffirm Administration's Commitment to Addressing Anti-Asian Hate and Gender-Based Violence on One-Year Anniversary of the Atlanta](#)

[Spa Shootings](#). Today, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra and U.S. Trade Representative Ambassador Katherine Tai, Co-Chairs of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI) and President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (PACAANHPI), issued a joint statement on the one-year anniversary of the tragic Atlanta spa shootings on March 16, 2021, in which a gunman targeted three separate Asian-owned businesses in Georgia and killed eight people, including six women of Asian descent.

*CMS has developed a [Virtual Toolkit](#) to help you stay informed on all CMS and HHS materials available on the COVID-19 pandemic. Please share these materials, bookmark the page, and check back often for the most up-to-date information. For more information, please email [partnership@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:partnership@cms.hhs.gov)*