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News Releases

*June 16- [HHS Awards \\$115 Million to Support Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded nearly \$115 million to 60 recipients to help implement the [Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. \(EHE\)](#) initiative, which is part of the Biden-Harris Administration's ongoing efforts to reduce the number of new HIV infections in the United States by at least 90 percent by 2030. Awards will support innovative strategies that help people with HIV access care, support, and treatment services to live longer, healthier lives.

*June 16- [New Campaign Seeks to Improve Health of People With HIV and Prevent New Transmissions](#). The [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) has launched a national campaign called "I am a Work of ART," to encourage people with HIV who are not in care to seek and stay in care and achieve viral suppression.

*June 17- [HHS Announces Availability of \\$10 Million for Rural Communities to Expand Treatment in Response to Surging Fentanyl and Other Opioid Overdoses](#). Today, in support of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) [Overdose Prevention Strategy](#), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced the availability of \$10 million in substance misuse grant funding through the HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program.

*June 17- [Operation Fly Formula Flight Arrives in Louisville, Kentucky and Columbus, Ohio](#). *Broadcast-quality audio and video of the plane landing in Louisville can be downloaded [here](#).* *Broadcast-quality audio and video of the plane landing in Columbus can be downloaded [here](#).* Yesterday, Thursday, June 16, 2022, an Operation Fly Formula flight from Switzerland, arrived at the Louisville International Airport in Louisville, Kentucky, carrying over 44,000 pounds of Nestlé Health Science Alfamino® and Alfamino® Junior specialty infant formula, the equivalent of approximately 548,000 8-ounce bottles. The product will be available primarily through a distribution pipeline serving hospitals, home health companies, and Women, Infants, and

Children (WIC) programs around the U.S., with additional deliveries of Nestlé formula being announced in the coming days.

*June 18- [Statement from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on COVID-19 Vaccines for Children 6 months through 5 Years Old](#). In response to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) recommendation to make children 6 months through 5 years old eligible for COVID-19 vaccines, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra issued a statement on this major milestone to protect our nation's youngest kids during the pandemic. CDC's recommendation followed the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) authorization of Moderna's vaccine for children 6 months through 5 years old and Pfizer's vaccine for children 6 months through 4 years old.

*June 21- [13 Operation Fly Formula Flights Scheduled for Week of June 20](#). *By June 26, Operation Fly Formula will transport more than 17 million 8-ounce bottle equivalents to the U.S.* There are 13 Operation Fly Formula flights currently scheduled for the week of June 20, projected to import approximately 4 million 8-ounce bottle equivalents of infant formula to the United States. By June 26, Operation Fly Formula flights will have completed 32 flights and imported more than 17 million 8-ounce bottle equivalents of infant formula.

*June 21- [Statement from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on President Biden's Intention to Nominate Dr. Arati Prabhakar for Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy](#). Following President Biden's announcement that he intends to nominate Dr. Arati Prabhakar for Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology, Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra issued this statement.

*June 22- [COVID-19 Vaccinations Covered Without Cost-sharing for Eligible Children Aged Six Months to Five Years](#). In light of recent action by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing that children aged six months to five years with Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage are eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations without cost-sharing. Nearly all people with Medicaid, CHIP, Basic Health Program coverage, self-insured employer-sponsored coverage, and group and individual health insurance coverage can get COVID-19 vaccinations, including boosters, at no cost.

*June 22- [HHS Expanding Monkeypox Testing Capacity to Five Commercial Laboratory Companies](#). This week, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), began shipping monkeypox tests to five commercial laboratory companies, including the nation's largest reference laboratories, to quickly increase monkeypox testing capacity and access in every community. The companies include Aegis Science, Labcorp, Mayo Clinic Laboratories, Quest Diagnostics and Sonic Healthcare.

*June 23- [HHS Announces Historic, First-in-the-Nation Program that Seeks to Expand Coverage to Nearly 10,000 Coloradans](#). *New "Colorado Option" will lower premiums and ensure greater*

access to health care for more residents, advancing health equity in the state. Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced approval of Colorado's Section 1332 State Innovation Waiver amendment request to create the "Colorado Option," a state-specific health coverage plan that increases health coverage enrollment and lowers health care costs, making insurance more affordable and accessible for nearly 10,000 Coloradans starting in 2023. It is designed to reduce racial and ethnic health disparities by providing new coverage options for Coloradans, reflecting the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to advancing health equity.

*June 23- [Statement by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on FDA's Marketing Denial Orders to JUUL](#). Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued marketing denial orders (MDOs) to JUUL Labs Inc. for all their products currently marketed in the U.S. As a result, JUUL must stop selling and distributing these products. In addition, those currently on the U.S. market must be removed, or the FDA may take enforcement action.

Fact Sheets

*June 17- [CY 2023 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update and Home Infusion Therapy Services Requirements Proposed Rule \(CMS-1766-P\)](#). On June 17, 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the calendar year (CY) [2023 Home Health Prospective Payment System \(HH PPS\) Rate Update proposed rule](#), which would update Medicare payment policies and rates for home health agencies (HHAs). This rule includes proposals and routine updates to the Medicare Home Health PPS and the home infusion therapy services' payment rates for CY 2023, in accordance with existing statutory and regulatory requirements.

*June 17- [Fact Sheet: Surgeon General to Speak at Youth Mental Wellness Now! Summit and Applaud Commitments in Response to His Call to Action on Youth Mental Health Crisis](#). (Los Angeles, CA) – Today, United States Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy joins youth leaders, celebrities, community organizers, and others at the California Endowment's Youth Mental Wellness Now! Summit celebrating new momentum gained in the work towards protecting the mental health of young people across the country since issuing his national call to action to safeguard and enhance youth mental health across the country.

*June 21- [Calendar Year 2023 End-Stage Renal Disease \(ESRD\) Prospective Payment System \(PPS\) Proposed Rule \(CMS-1768-P\) Fact Sheet](#). On June 21, 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule that proposes to update payment rates and policies under the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System (PPS) for renal dialysis services furnished to Medicare beneficiaries on or after January 1, 2023. This rule also proposes an update to the Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) dialysis payment rate for renal dialysis services furnished by ESRD facilities for calendar year (CY) 2023. In addition, the rule proposes

to update requirements for the ESRD Quality Incentive Program (QIP), and includes requests for information on topics that are relevant to the ESRD QIP. CMS is proposing refinements to the ESRD Treatment Choices Model in this proposed rule.

June 22- [Fact Sheet: What happens to premiums if the extra help from the American Rescue Plan expires? Download - PDF](#) On March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed a new law (*American Rescue Plan*) to combat COVID-19 and build our country back better. The American Rescue Plan included subsidies that lower health care costs and expand access to affordable, comprehensive health coverage.

*June 23- [Colorado: State Innovation Waiver](#). The U.S Department of Health & Human Services and the U.S. Department of the Treasury (collectively, the Departments) approved Colorado's application for an amendment of its State Innovation Waiver under section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) (referred to as a "section 1332 waiver").

Blogs

*June 17- [Pathways for Specialty Care Coordination and Integration in Population-based Models](#). By: *Sarah Fogler, PhD; Meghan O'Connell, MPH; Jacob Quinton, MD, MSHS; Chris Ritter, PhD; Brian Waldersen, MD, MPH; Purva Rawal, PhD*. In support of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) vision to advance health equity, expand coverage, and improve health outcomes, the CMS Innovation Center [launched a strategic refresh](#) in October 2021. This included setting a bold goal to have 100% of beneficiaries in Traditional Medicare and the vast majority of Medicaid beneficiaries in accountable care relationships by 2030, where their providers are accountable for the quality and the total cost of their care.

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