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News Releases

*May 5- [Secretary Becerra Reaffirms Commitment to Protecting Safe and Legal Abortion](#). Below is an excerpt from the opening remarks of the testimony by Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra reaffirming his commitment to protect [reproductive health], during the FY 2023 President's Budget Hearing at the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee on May 4, 2022.

*May 6- [CMS Approves Extension of Medicaid & CHIP Coverage for 12 Months After Pregnancy in Tennessee, South Carolina](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that Tennessee and South Carolina can begin offering Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage for 12 months postpartum to an estimated 22,000 and 16,000 pregnant and postpartum individuals, respectively, through a new state plan opportunity made available by the American Rescue Plan.

*May 6- [Secretary Becerra Celebrates Mother's Day, Applauds 12-month Postpartum Expansion in Tennessee and South Carolina](#). Today, ahead of Mother's Day Weekend, Secretary Xavier Becerra released the following statement to applaud the announcement of Tennessee and South Carolina working with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to expand Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage to 12 months postpartum to an estimated 22,000 and 16,000 parents, respectively. This expansion of coverage was made possible by a new state plan opportunity included in the American Rescue Plan.

*May 6- [HHS Launches New Maternal Mental Health Hotline](#). *Hotline is the latest move of the Biden-Harris Administration to strengthen both maternal health and mental health; President's FY23 Budget would double the initial investment in the hotline.* Today, the U.S. Health and Human Services Department's Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced the launch of the Maternal Mental Health Hotline, a new, confidential, toll-free hotline for expecting and new moms experiencing mental health challenges. With an initial \$3 million investment, the hotline will launch on Mother's Day, May 8, 2022, with counselors available to

provide mental health support. The President's Fiscal Year 2023 Budget would more than double this initial investment, allowing HRSA to expand the Maternal Mental Health Hotline's expert staffing and build additional capacity in its future phases.

*May 6- [Biden Administration Launches an Initiative to Help Protect People's Health from Climate Events](#). *The new initiative, called the Climate and Health Outlook, serves as a resource to help people, health professionals, and communities protect individual and community health impacted by climate events.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE) launched the first installment of a new public information series called the [Climate and Health Outlook](#) (Outlook). This new Outlook series connects weather forecasts to health resources to create actionable data that saves lives and reduces illness and health risks associated with climate-related hazards like extreme heat, wildfires, hurricanes, droughts, and vector-borne diseases that impact human health.

*May 9- [Indian Health Service funding provides resources to address Alzheimer's disease](#). The Indian Health Service is announcing \$5 million to target resources directly to tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations, and IHS direct service facilities to address Alzheimer's disease within tribal communities. This marks the first time IHS will allocate for this critical need.

*May 10- [HHS Announces \\$16.3 Million to Expand Telehealth Care in the Title X Family Planning Program](#). The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded \$16.3 million in grant funding to support 31 grantees to enhance and expand the telehealth infrastructure and capacity of Title X family planning clinics in 26 states, one U.S. territory, and one freely associated state. Title X is the only federal grant program dedicated solely to providing individuals with comprehensive family planning and related preventive health services in communities across the U.S.

*May 10- [In Oregon and Washington, Secretary Becerra Highlights the Importance of Investing in Mental Health](#). *During stops in both states, the Secretary discussed youth mental health, the transition to 988 in July, and HHS' Overdose Prevention Strategy with state and local leaders.* Last week, during the first week of Mental Health Awareness Month, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra traveled to the Pacific Northwest to discuss the Biden-Harris Administration's effort to tackle the nation's mental health crisis.

*May 11- [HHS Announces \\$5 Million in Funding to Advance Equity in Cancer Screening at Health Centers](#). *This investment supports President Biden's Cancer Moonshot initiative by promoting early detection and treatment through cancer screening.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the availability of \$5 million for community health centers, funded by HHS's Health Resources and Services Administration, to increase equitable access to life-saving cancer screenings. This funding supports President Joe Biden's Unity Agenda and his call to action on cancer screening and early detection as part of the Administration's [Cancer Moonshot](#) initiative to end cancer as we know it.

*May 12- [NIH Licenses COVID-19 Research Tools and Early-Stage Technologies to WHO Program](#). Today at the second Global COVID-19 Summit, President Biden announced that the Biden-Harris administration, through the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), has licensed 11 COVID-19 research tools and early-stage vaccine and diagnostic candidates to the Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) through the World Health Organization's COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP).

*May 12- [Statement from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on the One Million American Lives Lost to COVID-19 \(Spanish\)](#). Today, we mark a heartbreaking moment in this pandemic: one million American lives have been lost to COVID-19. On the heels of President Joe Biden [addressing the nation](#) about our continued fight against COVID-19, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra issued the following statement.

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