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News Releases

*May 12- [Remarks by HHS Secretary Becerra at Second Public Meeting of President Biden's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders](#). On Thursday, May 12, 2022, Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra hosted the first in-person meeting of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C.

*May 12- [Remarks by HHS Secretary Becerra at the Global COVID-19 Summit](#). On Thursday, May 12, 2022, Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra delivered remarks at the second Global COVID-19 Summit, co-hosted by the United States, Belize, Germany, Indonesia, and Senegal. During the Summit, Secretary Becerra discussed our continued fight against the COVID-19 pandemic—getting shots in arms, enhancing access to tests and treatments, protecting the health workforce, and financing and building health security for future pandemics and other health crises.

*May 16- [HHS Marks 10th Anniversary of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease](#). Today, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is launching its month-long celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease, which was first released in May 2012 as part of the National Alzheimer's Project Act.

*May 16- [HHS Announces New Funding Opportunity to Strengthen Behavioral Health Services in Nursing Homes and Other Long-Term Care Facilities](#). *Center of Excellence Will Improve Staff Training on Residents' Mental Health Needs*. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing a funding opportunity of nearly \$15 million for a three-year federal grant to establish a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) program that will strengthen the delivery of behavioral health care to residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities. Funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), this program will establish a Center of Excellence for Building Capacity in Nursing Facilities to Care for Residents with Behavioral Health Conditions (Center for Excellence).

*May 17- [HHS Announces Funding Opportunity for New Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Behavioral Health Center of Excellence](#). This Mental Health Awareness Month, which is also Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is announcing a nearly \$3.5 million five-year grant opportunity to develop a Center of Excellence, advancing behavioral health care for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities while reducing behavioral health-related disparities.

*May 18- [CMS Unveils More User-Friendly Medicare Website](#). *New Medicare.gov will incorporate public feedback and make it easier to compare, choose, and understand Medicare coverage.* Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) unveiled several updates to the [Medicare.gov](#) website that make it easier, for millions of people who use it, to navigate and access information to compare and select health and drug coverage and find providers. The updated website, based on consumer feedback, prominently features timely initiatives and messages on the homepage and highlights key tasks and information most frequently sought by people with Medicare, people nearing Medicare eligibility, and their families.

*May 18- [HHS Announces \\$2 Million Funding Opportunity to Establish National Center of Excellence on Social Media and Mental Wellness](#). *Effort Advances Biden-Harris Aim to Make Social Media Platforms Safer for Children and Youth.* Building on President Biden's Unity Agenda priority to tackle our nation's mental health crisis, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is announcing \$2 million in funding to establish a national center of excellence (CoE) on social media and mental wellness. The purpose of the CoE will be to develop and disseminate information, guidance, and training on the impact—including benefits and risks—that social media use has on children and youth, especially the risks to their mental health.

*May 18- [Statement from Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs Sarah Lovenheim on HHS Delegation Traveling in Berlin](#). "This morning in Berlin, ahead of G7 meetings for health ministers, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra tested positive for COVID-19 after taking a PCR test. He is fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19, and is experiencing mild symptoms. He will continue to perform his duties as HHS Secretary, working in isolation."

*May 18- [HHS Announces Its First-Ever Behavioral Health Recovery Innovation Challenge](#). The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is announcing its first-ever behavioral health Recovery Innovation Challenge. The goal of this challenge is to identify innovations developed by peer-run or community-based organizations, and entities that may partner with them—such as local or state governments, health systems, hospitals, or health plans—that advance recovery. SAMHSA defines [recovery](#) as a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their full potential.

*May 18- [\\$10 Million LymeX Diagnostics Prize Launches to Improve Lyme Disease Testing](#).

Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation (Cohen Foundation) launched the [LymeX Diagnostics Prize](#), a \$10 million competition to accelerate the development of Lyme disease diagnostics. The ultimate goal of the competition is to advance the development of these diagnostics toward Food and Drug Administration (FDA) review. The first phase (Phase 1), posted May 17, 2022 today, calls on scientific, technical, and clinical experts to submit innovative methods for detecting active Lyme disease infections in people.

*May 19- [Biden Administration Announces \\$1.5 Billion Funding Opportunity for State Opioid Response Grant Program](#). *Funding for States and Territories Will Help Address the Nation's*

Overdose Epidemic. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is announcing a State Opioid Response (SOR) grant funding opportunity that will provide nearly \$1.5 billion to states and territories to help address the Nation's opioid addiction and overdose epidemic.

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