



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*June 7- [CMS Releases FAQs on Agent and Broker Compensation for Special Enrollment Periods](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) posted Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding compensation paid by issuers to agents and brokers who assist consumers with enrollment during a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) or during Open Enrollment Periods (OEPs). The Biden-Harris Administration has made it a priority to provide those who are uninsured and underinsured with quality, affordable health care coverage and recognizes that agents and brokers play a vital role in helping consumers enroll in coverage that best fits their needs and budget.

*June 9- [Readout of HHS Secretary Becerra's Roundtables on the Impact of Social Media on Youth Mental Health](#). On Tuesday, June 7, 2022, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra participated in two roundtables at Montebello High School in Montebello, CA with students and parents covering the impact of social media on youth mental health. Additionally, the group discussed immigration, the upcoming transition to the 988 National Suicide Prevention Hotline, and the importance of language access in mental health resources. Congressman Tony Cárdenas (D-CA 29), Congressman Jimmy Gomez (D-CA 34), City of Montebello Mayor Kimberly Ann Cobos-Cawthorne, Los Angeles County Director of Mental Health Dr. Jonathan Sherin, and Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Debra Duardo, also participated in the discussion.

*June 10- [Statement by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra Reaffirming HHS Support and Protection for LGBTQI+ Children and Youth](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra released the following statement reaffirming HHS's commitment to confront dangerous actions in states targeting and discriminating against trans and gender non-conforming youth.

*June 10- [Statement from HHS Secretary Becerra on the CDC Decision to Rescind the Order Requiring Pre-Departure COVID-19 Testing Prior to Flight to the U.S.](#). Today, U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra issued the following statement after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that – based on science and available data – pre-departure COVID-19 testing for U.S.-bound air travelers will no longer be required, starting this Sunday.

*June 13- [HHS Issues Guidance on HIPAA and Audio-Only Telehealth](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through its Office for Civil Rights (OCR), is issuing guidance on how covered health care providers and health plans can use remote communication technologies to provide audio-only telehealth services when such communications are conducted in a manner that is consistent with the applicable requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules, including when OCR's [Notification of Enforcement Discretion for Telehealth - PDF](#) is no longer in effect.

*June 13- [Statement from Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs Sarah Lovenheim on HHS Secretary Becerra Testing Positive for COVID-19](#). “This morning in Sacramento, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra tested positive for COVID-19 after taking an antigen 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.”

*June 13- [Nine Operation Fly Formula Flights Scheduled for Week of June 13](#). *By June 19, Operation Fly Formula will transport nearly 12 million 8-ounce bottle equivalents to the U.S..* There are nine Operation Fly Formula flights currently scheduled for the week of July 13, projected to import more than 4 million, 8-ounce bottle equivalents of infant formula to the United States. By June 19, Operation Fly Formula flights will have imported nearly 12 million 8-ounce bottle equivalents of infant formula.

*June 14- [HHS and USDA announce public call for nominations to the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee](#). Today, the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Agriculture (USDA) announced the public call for nominations to the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee will review scientific evidence to help inform the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025-2030 (Dietary Guidelines)*. The Departments will seek to appoint a Committee that is balanced in expertise, experience, and education, and is reflective of the racial, ethnic, gender, and geographic diversity within the United States. Members of the public are invited to [submit nominations](#) for themselves or other qualified experts by July 15, 2022 at 11:59 PM E.T.

*June 15- [HHS Voluntary Resolution Agreement with the University of Southern California Settles Title IX Discrimination Complaints](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), has entered into a voluntary resolution agreement with the University of Southern California (“USC”) and Keck Medicine of USC (collectively referred to as, “the KMUSC Entities”), resolving a compliance review of the KMUSC Entities’ policies and procedures for responding to sex discrimination complaints made by students, employees, or

patients employed by, or participating in, any KMUSC programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from HHS. OCR initiated the compliance review of the KMUSC Entities to assess KMUSC's compliance with Title IX in its handling of sexual harassment complaints.

*June 15- [Ten Operation Fly Formula Flights Scheduled for Week of June 13](#). **Special Note:** In addition to adding a flight this week that's landing in Louisville, the arrival of the Columbus flight has changed from Thursday to Friday. B-roll from both the Louisville and Columbus flights will be provided. *By June 19, Operation Fly Formula will transport nearly 13 million 8-ounce bottle equivalents to the U.S..* There are 10 Operation Fly Formula flights currently scheduled for the week of June 13, projected to import nearly 5 million, 8-ounce bottle equivalents of infant formula to the United States.

*June 16- [During the Biden-Harris Administration, Nearly 253,000 Americans in 14 States and D.C. Have Gained Access to 12 Months of Postpartum Coverage Through Medicaid and CHIP Extensions](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that during the Biden-Harris Administration 253,000 parents have gained access to 12 months of postpartum coverage through Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) extensions. President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have made addressing the maternal mortality and morbidity crisis a key priority for their Administration.

Blogs

*June 9- [U.S. Summary of the 75th World Health Assembly](#). By: [Loyce Pace, MPH](#), Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs (OGA) and [Karoun Tcholakian](#), Special Assistant. At the 75th World Health Assembly (WHA75), against the backdrop of the pandemic that has caused the tragic loss of more than 6 million lives worldwide due to COVID-19 and the senseless suffering and death inflicted by Russia's further invasion of Ukraine, the United States and other countries came together to achieve significant milestones that will strengthen and reform the World Health Organization (WHO), improve global health and health security, and advance equity for all people. WHA75 was likely one of the most historic and consequential assemblies in the organization's history.

*June 16- [Learn the importance of preventive health](#). [Preventive services](#) may help prevent illnesses, disease, and other health problems, or detect illness at an early stage when treatment is likely to work best. They're free when you get care from an in-network provider. Here are some common benefits for all adults and children. Always ask your doctor what's right for you.

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