



## CMS Snapshot

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#### News Releases

\*April 15- [HHS Announces \\$226.5 Million to Launch Community Health Worker Training Program](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), today announced the availability of \$226.5 million in American Rescue Plan funding to launch the Community Health Worker Training Program. This new program will increase the number of community health workers who play a critical role in connecting people to care, including COVID care; mental health and substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery services; chronic disease care; and other important health services.

\*April 15- [ICYMI: HHS Takes Actions to Improve Maternal Health and Equity During Black Maternal Health Week 2022](#). In recognition of [Black Maternal Health Week \(April 11-17, 2022\)](#), Secretary Xavier Becerra and leaders across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) took actions to improve maternal health and reduce health disparities. The Biden-Harris Administration has championed policies to improve maternal health and equity since President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris first took office.

\*April 18- [CMS Proposes Policies to Advance Health Equity and Maternal Health, Support Hospitals](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule for inpatient and long-term hospitals that builds on the Biden-Harris Administration's key priorities to advance health equity and improve maternal health outcomes. In addition to annual policies that promote Medicare payment accuracy and hospital stability, the FY 2023 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) rule includes measures that will encourage hospitals to build health equity into their core functions, thereby improving care for people and communities who are disadvantaged and/or underserved by the healthcare system.

\*April 19- [As Part of President Biden's Mental Health Strategy, HHS Awards Nearly \\$105 Million to States and Territories to Strengthen Crisis Call Center Services in Advance of July Transition](#)

to 988

[National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) from the current 10-digit number to the 988 three-digit dialing code in July. Strengthening our crisis care infrastructure is a core priority of President Biden's Mental Health Strategy, which he announced at the State of the Union as part of his national Unity Agenda. Improving 988 readiness and responsiveness is a critical step to realizing this objective.

\*April 20- [HHS Releases New Data and Report on Hospital and Nursing Home Ownership](#). Today, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is taking actions to promote competition and transparency in our nation's health care system that can improve the safety and quality of nursing homes and hospitals. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is releasing data publicly -- for the first time -- on mergers, acquisitions, consolidations, and changes of ownership from 2016-2022 for hospitals and nursing homes enrolled in Medicare. This data is a powerful new tool for researchers, state and federal enforcement agencies, and the public to better understand the impacts of consolidation on health care prices and quality of care.

\*April 20- [CMS Outlines Strategy to Advance Health Equity, Challenges Industry Leaders to Address Systemic Inequities](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) outlined an action plan that demonstrates the Biden-Harris Administration's ongoing efforts to provide high-quality, affordable health care for all people, regardless of their background, and to drive health equity across the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Building on the agency's commitment to make [health equity](#) the first "pillar" of its strategic vision, CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure invited health care industry leaders to make commitments to advance health equity and work with CMS to share best practices to address systemic inequities in the delivery of care.

\*April 20- [In Nevada, Secretary Becerra Highlighted the Importance of Strengthening the Health Care Workforce, Launching 988, Access to Cancer Screening, and Investing in Youth Mental Health](#). Yesterday, April 19, 2022, in Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra participated in events, site visits, and roundtables underscoring the importance of addressing the health care provider shortage; planning for the launch of 988; increasing cancer screening, prevention, and early detection; improving youth mental health, and housing as a social determinant of health. Throughout the trip, Secretary Becerra engaged with federal and state leaders who have supported their communities throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

\*April 21- [HHS Announces \\$90 Million to Support New Data-Driven Approaches for Health Centers to Identify and Reduce Health Disparities](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announced the availability of nearly \$90 million in American Rescue Plan funding to support

new data-driven efforts for HRSA Health Center Program-supported health centers and look-alikes (HRSA-designated health centers) to identify and reduce health disparities.

## Fact Sheets

\*April 18- [FY 2023 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System \(IPPS\) and Long Term Care Hospitals \(LTCH PPS\) Proposed Rule - CMS-1771-P](#). On April 18, 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Medicare Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) proposed rule.

\*April 18- [FY 2023 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System \(IPPS\) and Long Term Care Hospitals \(LTCH PPS\) Proposed Rule - CMS-1771-P \(Maternal Health\)](#). The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to achieving a government-wide vision that addresses the maternal health crisis in the U.S., including by reducing maternal mortality and morbidity and advancing maternity care quality, safety, and equity. As a part of this commitment, the White House held the first-ever federal “Maternal Health Day of Action” on December 7, 2021, at which time Vice President Kamala Harris issued a national Call to Action to Reduce Maternal Mortality and Morbidity.

*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)*