



## CMS Snapshot

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### News Releases:

\*February 21- [Do you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period?](#) You can now enroll in or change a Health Insurance Marketplace plan only if you have a life event — meaning a change in your situation, like getting married, having a baby, or losing health coverage — that qualifies you for a [Special Enrollment Period](#).

\*February 22- [Opioid Prescribing Mapping Tool Improved with Medicaid and Rural Data](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released an expanded version of the [Opioid Prescribing Mapping Tool](#), ensuring that CMS and our partners have the most complete and current data needed to effectively address the opioid epidemic across the country. This update to the Opioid Prescribing Mapping Tool further demonstrates the agency's commitment to opioid data transparency and using data to better inform local prevention and treatment efforts, particularly in rural communities hard hit by the opioid crisis.

\*February 25- [CMS Releases New Medicare Beneficiaries at a Glance Infographic](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has published a new infographic with summarized information about beneficiaries in the Medicare program. The Medicare Beneficiaries at a Glance infographic includes information on types of Medicare coverage, utilization of healthcare services, average cost for specific services, top chronic conditions, beneficiary satisfaction and access to care, and usual source of care for calendar year 2016. For example, did you know that 3.7 million individuals enrolled in Medicare in 2016? Or that the top chronic condition among Medicare beneficiaries is high blood pressure? To find these and other statistics, please visit the CMS Medicare Beneficiaries at a Glance Infographic at: [https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/Beneficiary-Snapshot/Bene\\_Snapshot.html](https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/Beneficiary-Snapshot/Bene_Snapshot.html)

\*February 26- [FDA, CDC, and CMS launch task force to help facilitate rapid availability of diagnostic tests during public health emergencies](#). The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the launch of the [Tri-Agency Task Force for Emergency Diagnostics](#). This task force has been created to help leverage the expertise of each agency to advance rapid

development and deployment of diagnostic tests in clinical and public health laboratories during public health emergencies. Each agency play a critical role in responding to public health emergencies, including identifying threats, regulating medical products, and providing oversight for laboratories. The agencies have robust teams of scientists, researchers and policy experts that are dedicated to preparing the U.S. for rapid disaster response.

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### Upcoming Partner Interest Events:

\*March 5- Webinar 2: [Recruiting Members and Supporting Participation in Plan Governance](#). Member engagement in plan governance plays a significant role in shaping the development and refinement of plan policies and procedures that address the needs, preferences, and values of members and their families and caregivers. This second webinar in the series will focus on recruiting members who represent diverse experiences and supporting member participation to ensure feedback is robust and useful. Specifically, this webinar will share strategies for recruiting members who have the capacity, skills, time, and motivation to engage in plan governance activities. It will also provide promising practices for supporting members to overcome barriers to regular and meaningful participation. The webinar is scheduled Tuesday, March 5, 2019 from 12:30pm-2pmET

\* March 5- [Interoperability and Patient Access Proposed Rule Listening Session](#)- On February 11, CMS released the Interoperability and Patient Access proposed rule outlining opportunities to make patient data more useful and transferable through open, secure, standardized, and machine-readable formats, while reducing restrictive burdens on health care providers. In addition, CMS released two Requests for Information (RFIs) to obtain feedback on: Interoperability and health information technology adoption in post-acute care settings & Role of patient matching in interoperability and improved patient care. CMS Administrator Seema Verma opens this listening session, followed by an overview by CMS experts. We encourage you to review the [proposed rule](#) prior to the listening session. The listening session is scheduled Tuesday, March 5, 2019 2pm-3:30pmET.

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