

THANKS TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN:

Historic Enrollment Numbers – More Signed up for Health Care Than Ever at Lower Costs

[Biden-Harris Administration Announces 14.5 Million Americans Signed Up for Affordable Health Care During Historic Open Enrollment Period](#)

A record-breaking 14.5 million people signed up for 2022 health care coverage through the Marketplaces during the historic Marketplace Open Enrollment Period (OEP) from November 1, 2021 through January 15, 2022 – including 5.8 million people who have newly gained coverage under the Administration. The American Rescue Plan lowered health care costs for most Marketplace consumers and increased enrollment to these records levels.

[American Rescue Plan Lowered Health Costs for Millions of Americans Ahead of August 15 Deadline to Get Covered on HealthCare.gov.](#)

People across America bought high quality health insurance for historically low prices. President Biden’s American Rescue Plan has lowered health care costs for Americans. Data showed that families are seeing average savings of \$40 per person per month on premiums due to the ARP’s premium credits, and over a third of customers found coverage for \$10 or less per month.

[CMS Extends Open Enrollment Period and Launches Initiatives to Expand Health Coverage Access Nationwide](#)

Consumers had an extra 30 days to review and choose health plans through Open Enrollment, which ran from November 1, 2021 through January 15, 2022, on HealthCare.gov. CMS also expanded services provided by Federally-facilitated Marketplace (FFM) Navigators—experts who help consumers, especially those in underserved communities, understand their benefits and rights, review options, and enroll in Marketplace coverage.

[Biden-Harris Administration Invests \\$20 Million in American Rescue Plan Funding to Improve Access to Affordable and Comprehensive Health Insurance](#)

CMS awarded \$20 million in grant funding to State-based Marketplaces (SBMs) to increase consumer access to affordable, comprehensive health insurance coverage. The grants are used by 21 SBMs to modernize IT systems and/or conduct targeted consumer outreach activities to help make health care coverage enrollment smoother.

[CMS Encourages Companies to Promote Quality, Affordable Health Coverage for Gig Workers](#)

Workers in the U.S., including those working with gig companies following COVID-19 related unemployment, became eligible for reduced premiums and increased savings for health insurance coverage on HealthCare.gov. Most consumers were able to take advantage of reduced monthly premiums through increased tax credit help.

[Biden-Harris Administration Extends Millions in Funding to Minnesota for MinnesotaCare, its Basic Health Program, Key Connection to Coverage Supported by American Rescue Plan](#)

CMS provided approximately \$100 million in additional funding in 2022 to support MinnesotaCare, Minnesota's Basic Health Program (BHP), as well as added funds for 2020 and 2021. The additional funds, increased Minnesota's ability to provide affordable, quality health care coverage to approximately 100,000 individuals.

[Biden-Harris Administration Extends Hundreds of Millions of Dollars to New York's Essential Plan, its Basic Health Program, Key Connection to Coverage Supported by American Rescue Plan](#)

CMS provided approximately \$750 million in additional funding in 2022 to support the Essential Plan, New York's Basic Health Program (BHP), as well as added funds for 2020 and 2021. The additional funds increased New York's ability to provide health care coverage to approximately 1 million individuals.

[Missouri Medicaid Expansion Brings Quality Essential Health Coverage to More than 275,000 Missourians](#)

Approximately 275,000 Missourians became eligible for comprehensive health coverage, thanks to Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act. Missouri was eligible to receive an estimated \$968 million in additional federal funding for its Medicaid program over the next two years.

[Kentucky, Maine, and New Mexico Launch State Marketplaces for 2022 Coverage](#)

CMS invested \$20 million in grant funding to State-based Marketplaces – including \$1 million each to Kentucky, Maine, and New Mexico – to increase consumer access to affordable, comprehensive health insurance coverage. The grants are being used to modernize IT systems and/or conduct targeted consumer outreach activities to help make health care coverage enrollment smoother.

[Oklahoma's Medicaid Expansion will Provide Access to Coverage for 190,000 Oklahomans](#)

Approximately 190,000 individuals between the ages of 19-64 in Oklahoma became eligible for health coverage, thanks to Medicaid expansion.

More Support for Home and Community Based Services

[CMS Announces Extensions of CalAIM to Support Greater Health Equity Across Communities](#)

Created an easier pathway to support care for people outside of traditional health care settings. Includes important provisions to advance health equity, fund key services, like home and community-based services (HCBS) for underserved communities, and improve access to care.

[CMS Launches Webpage to Share Innovative State Actions to Expand Medicaid Home and Community-based Services](#)

Created a new “one-stop shop” for state Medicaid agencies and stakeholders on Medicaid.gov to advance transparency and innovation for home and community-based services. Home and community-based services allow people enrolled in Medicaid to receive services and supports in a preferred setting outside of an institution, such as in their own home. Through this new webpage, state Medicaid agencies and stakeholders can access information about states' plans to enhance, expand, and strengthen home and community-based services across the country using the new Medicaid funding made available by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

[CMS Issues Guidance on American Rescue Plan Funding for Medicaid Home and Community Based Services](#)

CMS issued guidance on how states can receive enhanced funding to increase access to home and community-based services (HCBS) for Medicaid beneficiaries. These benefits provide critical services to millions of older adults and individuals with disabilities, allowing them to receive health services in their homes and communities, rather than in nursing homes and other institutions. The guidance is a key tool to assist states in leveraging federal resources to increase health equity in Medicaid beneficiaries' access to HCBS, positive health outcomes, and community integration.

Enhanced Mental Health and Substance Abuse Care

[New Medicaid Option Promotes Enhanced Mental Health, Substance Use Crisis Care](#)

States have a new option for supporting community-based mobile crisis intervention services for individuals with Medicaid. Mobile crisis intervention services are essential tools to meet people in crisis where they are.

[Biden-Harris Administration Awards \\$15 Million to 20 States for Mobile Crisis Intervention](#)

CMS awarded \$15 million in planning grants to 20 states to support expanding community-based mobile crisis intervention services for Medicaid beneficiaries. By connecting people who are experiencing a mental health or substance use disorder crisis to a behavioral health specialist or critical treatment, these services will be available 24 hours per day, every day of the year, can help save lives.

Support for Maternal Health

[HHS Announces Efforts to Help Expand Nationwide Access and Coverage for High-quality Maternal Health Services](#)

CMS is encouraging states to take advantage of the option to provide 12 months postpartum coverage to pregnant individuals who are enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

[CMS Encourages Hospitals to Implement Patient Safety Best Practices to Improve Maternity Care and Outcomes](#)

Implemented a new quality measure for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program to improve maternity care

[HHS Marks Black Maternal Health Week by Announcing Measures To Improve Maternal Health Outcomes](#)

HHS marked Black Maternal Health Week by announcing actions to expand access to continuous health care coverage and access to preventative care in rural areas to improve maternal health outcomes. An estimated 2,500 women in Illinois will receive 12 months of continuous Medicaid coverage due to the extension of benefits.

[HHS Extends Postpartum Coverage in Virginia for Nearly 6,000 People](#)

Extended Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) postpartum coverage in Virginia. This will provide access to essential care for an estimated 6,000 Virginians and provide peace of mind for people enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP, who will now be able to keep their coverage for 12 months, or regain coverage within that 12-month period, after childbirth.

[CMS Extends Medicaid Postpartum Coverage in New Jersey for Over 8,000 People](#)

An estimated 8,700 postpartum New Jersey and will be guaranteed to maintain their Medicaid coverage for 12 months after the end of the pregnancy. This important step will help New Jersey to provide pregnancy-related care with the goal of preventing unnecessary postpartum-related illness and death.

Addressing COVID-19

[Biden-Harris Administration Makes 100% Federal Medicaid Matching Funds Available for State Expenditures on Certain COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling Visits for Children and Youth](#)

CMS will match COVID-19 vaccine counseling-only visits at the ARP 100% federal match rate only when they are provided to children and youth under age 21 as part of the Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit.

[Coverage is Available for COVID-19 Vaccinations for Eligible Children Ages 5 through 11](#)

Nearly all Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries are eligible to receive coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and their administration without cost-sharing.

[CMS Will Pay for COVID-19 Booster Shots, Eligible Consumers Can Receive at No Cost](#)

Nearly all Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries must receive coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and their administration, without cost-sharing. COVID-19 vaccines and their administration, including boosters, will also be covered without cost-sharing for eligible consumers of most issuers of health insurance in the commercial market.

[Biden-Harris Administration Releases Medicaid and CHIP Guidance Targeting Vaccination and Testing for COVID-19](#)

CMS issued guidance that provides essential information to states as they navigate the options available to advance COVID-19 vaccination and testing, and the Medicaid program's broader aim of providing much-needed health coverage for millions of eligible individuals. To help states support families and communities and to continue to address health disparities.