



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*February 14- [Largest Study of Sepsis Cases among Medicare Beneficiaries Finds Significant Burden](#). U.S. hospitals saw a 40 percent increase in the rate of Medicare beneficiaries hospitalized with sepsis over the past seven years, and in just 2018 had an estimated cost to Medicare of more than \$41.5 billion according to an unprecedented study by researchers from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

*February 18- [HHS Engages Sanofi's Recombinant Technology for 2019 Novel Coronavirus Vaccine](#). Racing to develop a vaccine against the 2019 novel coronavirus, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response has engaged Sanofi Pasteur, the vaccines global business unit of Sanofi.

*February 18- [HHS, Janssen Collaborate To Develop Coronavirus Therapeutics](#). As part of the rapid global response to the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) will use an existing partnership with Janssen Research & Development, part of Johnson & Johnson, to help develop treatments for coronavirus infections.

Fact Sheets

*February 14- [CMS proposes methods to calculate civil monetary penalties for group, non-group plans](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has proposed methods to calculate and impose civil money penalties (CMPs) when a group health plan (GHP) or a non-group health plan (NGHP) entity fails to comply with Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) reporting requirements. The proposed rule defines circumstances when a CMP may or may not be imposed, and updates all related regulatory text.

Blogs

*February 13- [Recent life change? You may qualify for a Special Enrollment Period](#). Now that Open Enrollment is over, you can enroll in or change Marketplace coverage **only** if you have a life event, like getting married, having a baby, or losing health coverage, that qualifies you for a [Special Enrollment Period](#).

*February 14- [The Best Valentine's Day Gift: Saving a Heart](#). While we often think of chocolate hearts at this time of the year, there is another heart that should be on our minds – the hearts of the American people. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in America. And, unfortunately, heart disease is a leading cause of death during or following pregnancy. The good news is that you can take steps to improve your heart health. So on Valentine's Day, we challenge all of you to look out for your heart.

*February 14- [Learn how to become an organ donor & save lives](#). Each day, 20 people die while waiting for an organ transplant. With National Donor Day around the corner, keep in mind that just one person can save up to 8 lives through organ and tissue donation.

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