



## CMS Snapshot

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All releases below are from 2pm Thursday, February 6 through 2pm Thursday, February 13, 2020.

### News Releases

\*February 6- [CMS Prepare Nation's Healthcare Facilities for Coronavirus Threat](#). Today, under the leadership of President Donald Trump and Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is taking critical steps to ensure America's health care facilities and clinical laboratories are prepared to respond to the threat of the 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

\*February 6- [HHS Marks 2019 Accomplishments](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a report highlighting accomplishments from 2019. To read the report, visit: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/leadership/secretary/2019-annual-report/index.html>

\*February 9- [Representatives of Coronavirus Task Force Brief Governors at NGA](#). On Sunday, February 9, representatives of President Trump's Coronavirus Task Force provided an update at the National Governors Association (NGA) Winter Meeting about the U.S. response to the coronavirus outbreak.

\*February 10- [HHS Pioneers First Foundry for American Biotechnology](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services launched the nation's first Foundry for American Biotechnology today to produce technological solutions that help the United States protect against and respond to health security threats, enhance daily medical care, and add to the U.S. bioeconomy.

\*February 10- [Secretary Azar Statement on President Trump's FY 2021 Budget](#). Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar issued the following statement regarding the release of President Trump's Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.

\*February 10- [SchoolSafety.gov Launches to Help Educators, Administrators, Parents, and Law Enforcement Prepare for Threats](#). The Trump Administration today launched the Federal School Safety Clearinghouse website: [SchoolSafety.gov](#). This website is a one-stop-shop of resources for Kindergarten through Grade 12 (K-12) administrators, educators, parents and law

enforcement to use to prepare for and address various threats related to safety, security, and support in schools.

\*February 11- [HHS Assistant Secretary for Administration Scott W. Rowell Statement on the launch of Enterprise Infrastructure Solutions Program Management Office at HHS](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the standup of the Enterprise Infrastructure Solutions (EIS) Program Management Office (PMO) to support the budget, finance, contracting, technical services, and governance activities for the department's EIS contract.

\*February 11- [HHS, Janssen Join Forces On Coronavirus Vaccine](#). To expedite development of vaccines that protect against the 2019 novel coronavirus, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) will expand an existing partnership with New Jersey-based Janssen Research & Development, part of Johnson & Johnson.

\*February 11- [Speech: Remarks by CMS Administrator Seema Verma at the American Medical Association National Advocacy Conference](#). "Good morning. I want to thank all of you for taking time out of your busy practices to come to D.C. Nice of you to visit the swamp.... It is true, DC is built on a swamp....and I saw a mouse trap in our offices this morning, so we know the rats are still here."

\*February 13- [Public Health News Alert: CMS Develops New Code for Coronavirus Lab Test](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) took further action to ensure America's healthcare facilities and clinical laboratories are prepared to respond to the threat of the 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

## Blogs

\*February 7- [Wear red to fight women's heart disease](#). Heart disease claims the life of 1 in 3 women—for some, that woman is their grandmother, mother, sister, wife, or friend. But, heart disease doesn't have to be a losing battle. On February 7, join the fight against women's heart disease by dressing in red to support Go Red for Women®.

\*February 12- [Rethinking Rural Health: Maternal and Infant Health RFI](#). Today I had the privilege of speaking at the National Rural Health Association's policy institute. We had a great conversation about rural health, discussing how the unique challenges of rural areas, including geographic isolation and a shrinking healthcare workforce, require unique solutions.

\*February 12- [Medicaid Fiscal Integrity: Protecting Taxpayers and Patients](#). Protecting Medicaid and ensuring it remains sustainable and able to provide access to high quality care for society's most vulnerable populations is a top priority for the Trump administration.

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