



## CMS Snapshot

November 27- December 5, 2019

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### News Releases

\*November 27- [HHS Secretary Azar Statement on World AIDS Day](#). On the occasion of World AIDS Day, December 1, HHS Secretary Alex Azar released the following statement: “World AIDS Day is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate our efforts in combating HIV across the globe. Here in the United States, the Trump administration is hard at work on the plan President Trump announced at this year’s State of the Union to end the HIV epidemic in America within ten years. At the same time, around the world, we continue our commitment to the lifesaving success of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.”

\*December 3- [Ready, Set, PrEP Expands Access to Medication to Prevent HIV](#). The [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#) today launched Ready, Set, PrEP, a national program that makes medications for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), taken daily to prevent HIV, available at no cost to people without prescription drug insurance coverage.

\*December 4- [HHS OCR Secures Voluntary Resolution and Ensures Child Welfare Programs in the Oregon Department of Human Services Protect Parents with Disabilities from Discrimination](#). Today, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that it has entered into a voluntary resolution agreement (VRA) with the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) concerning the rights of parents with disabilities in ODHS Child Welfare Programs (CWP).

### Fact Sheets

\*November 27- [Federal Health Insurance Exchange Weekly Enrollment Snapshot: Week 4](#). In week four of the 2020 Open Enrollment, 703,556 people selected plans using the HealthCare.gov platform. As in past years, enrollment weeks are measured Sunday through Saturday. Consequently, the cumulative totals reported in this snapshot reflect one fewer day than last year.

\*December 4- [Kidney Care Choices \(KCC\) Model](#). The Kidney Care Choices (KCC) Model will build upon the existing Comprehensive End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Care (CEC) Model structure – in which dialysis facilities, nephrologists, and other health care providers form ESRD-focused accountable care organizations.

\*December 4- [Federal Health Insurance Exchange Weekly Enrollment Snapshot: Week 5](#). In week five of the 2020 Open Enrollment, 504,041 people selected plans using the HealthCare.gov platform. As in past years, enrollment weeks are measured Sunday through Saturday. Consequently, the cumulative totals reported in this snapshot reflect one fewer day than last year.

## Blogs

\*November 27- [We're Heading into the Last Week of Medicare Open Enrollment, Don't Miss Out on Your Chance to Find Better Coverage](#). As we enter into the final week of Medicare Open Enrollment, CMS is pleased to report that enrollment is brisk and we're already seeing the positive impact of the new Medicare Plan Finder. This year we overhauled the Medicare Plan Finder because it needed it. Advocates, beneficiaries and oversight agencies told us that. And they were right. Their input on what was important was invaluable and their partnership in reminding people with Medicare that Open Enrollment is happening has been a great public service.

\*December 1- [Support World AIDS Day- Get your HIV screening today](#). Did you know that nearly 40,000 people are diagnosed with HIV in the U.S. each year? Of the 1.1 million people currently living with HIV in the U.S., 1 in 7 don't even know they have it. Medicare covers [HIV screenings](#) for people with Medicare 15-65 years old who ask for the test, people younger than 15 or older than 65 who are at increased risk, and pregnant women.

\*December 1- [Act now: Medicare Open Enrollment ends December 7](#). Time's running out to make changes to your Medicare coverage for 2020! Medicare Open Enrollment ends December 7.

## Podcast

\*December 2- [Episode 8: Healthcare Price Transparency](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is releasing the latest episode of our podcast, CMS: Beyond the Policy. Today's edition is titled "Healthcare Price Transparency." Administrator Seema Verma is joined by Dr. Larry Van Horn of Vanderbilt University to discuss transparent pricing in health care and how CMS is delivering on the President's executive order on price and quality transparency to empower patients and increase competition among providers.

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