CMS Strategic Plan

CMS serves the public as a trusted partner and steward, dedicated to advancing health equity, expanding coverage, and improving health outcomes.

**STRATEGIC PILLARS**

**ADVANCE EQUITY**
- Advance health equity by addressing the health disparities that underlie our health system.
- Health Equity Fact Sheet

**EXPAND ACCESS**
- Build on the Affordable Care Act and expand access to quality, affordable health coverage and care.
- 2023 Marketplace Open Enrollment Data Snapshot

**ENGAGE PARTNERS**
- Engage our partners and the communities we serve throughout the policymaking and implementation process.

**DRIVE INNOVATION**
- Drive Innovation to tackle our health system challenges and promote value-based, patient-centered care.

**PROTECT PROGRAMS**
- Protect our programs' sustainability for future generations by serving as a responsible steward of public funds.

**FOSTER EXCELLENCE**
- Foster a positive and inclusive workplace and workforce, and promote excellence in all aspects of CMS operations.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan

**CROSS CUTTING INITIATIVES**

**ELEVATING STAKEHOLDER VOICES THROUGH ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT**
- CMS will ensure that the public has a strong voice throughout CMS’ policymaking, operations, and implementation process.

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- Expand access to oral health coverage so consumers achieve the best health possible, and partner with states, health plans, and providers to expand access and coverage.

**NATIONAL QUALITY STRATEGY**
- Shape a resilient, high-value health care system to prioritize quality outcomes, safety, equity, and accountability for all consumers, patients, and providers.
- National Quality Strategy Fact Sheet

**DATA TO DRIVE DECISION-MAKING**
- Make more informed policy decisions based on data and drive innovation and person-centered care through the exchange of data.

**FUTURE OF WORK @ CMS**
- Foster a culture of care that values employee health and well-being, emphasizes workplace flexibility, and leverages technology to support remote and hybrid collaboration.

**MATURENY CARE**
- Work with states, health care facilities, community providers, and other partners to improve the quality of maternity care, expand postpartum coverage, and support a diverse provider workforce.
- Maternity Care in Rural Communities

**SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE RESILIENCY**
- Prepare the health care system for operations after the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE).
- Health Care System Resiliency Fact Sheet

**NURSING HOMES AND CHOICE IN LONG TERM CARE**
- Improve safety and quality of care for nursing home residents.

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**DRUG AFFORDABILITY**
- Ensure that prescription drugs are accessible and affordable for consumers, providers, plans, and state partners.

**RURAL HEALTH**
- Promote access to high-quality, equitable care for all people served by our programs in rural and frontier communities, Tribal nations, and the U.S. territories.
- Rethinking Rural Health

**COVERAGE TRANSITION (COVID-19/PHE UNWINDING)**
- Ensure as many individuals enrolled in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) maintain a source of coverage as possible after the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) continuous enrollment requirement expires.

**INTEGRATING THE 3Ms (MEDICARE, MEDICAID & CHIP, MARKETPLACE)**
- Ensure continuity of care, including experience with health care providers and health coverage, for people served by the 3Ms.