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

**CMS Strategic Pillars**

**ADVANCE EQUITY**
Advance health equity by addressing the health disparities that underlie our health system.

**EXPAND ACCESS**
Build on the Affordable Care Act and expand access to quality, affordable health care and health coverage.

**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, person-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.

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**Elevating Stakeholder Voices through Active Engagement**
CMS will ensure that the public has a strong voice throughout CMS’ policymaking, operations, and implementation process.

**Behavioral Health**
Increase and enhance access to equitable and high-quality behavioral health services and improve outcomes for people with behavioral health care needs.

**Drug Affordability**
Ensure that prescription drugs are accessible and affordable for consumers, providers, plans, our programs, and state partners.

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

**Benefit Expansion**
Implement policy changes and consider opportunities for increased access to coverage and benefits, including high-value services, new authorities and health plan flexibilities.

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**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.

**Preparing The Health Care System for the Post-Pandemic World**
Program the healthcare system for operations after the public health emergency (PHE).

**National Quality Strategy**
Shape a resilient, high-value health care system to promote quality outcomes, safety, equity, and accessibility for all individuals, especially for people within historically underserved and under-resourced communities.

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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.

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Make more informed policy decisions based on data and drive innovation and person-centered care through the seamless exchange of data.

**Future of Work @ CMS**
Foster culture of care that values employee health and well-being, embraces workplace flexibilities and leverages technology to support remote and hybrid collaboration.

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