



## CMS Snapshot

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#### News Releases

\*January 28- [HHS Amends PREP Act Declaration to Increase Workforce Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today issued a fifth amendment to the Declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) to add additional categories of qualified persons authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

\*January 28- [HHS Announces Marketplace Special Enrollment Period for COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#). In accordance with the Executive Order issued today by President Biden, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), announced a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for individuals and families for Marketplace coverage in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, which has left millions of Americans facing uncertainty and exceptional circumstances while millions of Americans have experienced new health problems during the pandemic.

#### Fact Sheet

\*January 28- [2021 Special Enrollment Period in response to the COVID-19 Emergency](#). The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) national emergency has presented unprecedented challenges for the American public. Millions of Americans are facing uncertainty and millions of Americans are experiencing new health problems during the pandemic. Due to the exceptional circumstances and rapidly changing Public Health Emergency (PHE) impacting millions of people throughout the US every day, many Americans remain uninsured or underinsured and still need affordable health coverage.

## Blogs

\*January 28- [Get ready for tax season](#). Tax filing season is here. If you had Marketplace coverage in 2020, follow these steps to get ready.

\*February 3- [HHS Leverages Public Feedback to Advance Landscape Analysis on Emerging Technologies for Aging, Underserved Populations](#). Addressing inequities in healthcare delivery and service is crucial to achieving equitable healthcare for all populations. Underserved areas such as rural communities (when compared to urban areas) are characterized by a [higher percentage of older adults, higher rates of all-cause mortality, and lower density of healthcare infrastructure - PDF](#) . Available evidence suggests that these poor health outcomes and inequities – further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic – are driven in part by social risk factors (e.g., the [social determinants of health](#)) and biological risk factors (e.g. older age and chronic disease).

*CMS has developed a [Virtual Toolkit](#) to help you stay informed on CMS and HHS materials available on the COVID-19. Please share these materials, bookmark the page, and check back often for the most up-to-date information. For more information, please email [partnership@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:partnership@cms.hhs.gov)*