



## CMS Snapshot

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#### News Releases

\*March 3- [Readout: Administrator Brooks-LaSure and CMS Leadership Meet with Health Insurance Plans and Associations on Access to and Delivery of Care](#). On Thursday, March 2, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure and CMS leadership met with senior leadership of health insurance plans and associations. CMS was pleased to welcome Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra to open the meeting.

\*March 6- [HHS Mourns the Loss of Disability Rights Leader Judy Heumann](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) joins the disability community in mourning the loss of Judy Heumann, who passed away over the weekend. Judy was one of our nation's greatest advocates and was a driving force behind key disability rights accomplishments.

\*March 6- [HHS Awards Emergency Funding for Community Health Center Supporting East Palestine, Ohio Residents](#). *Community Action Agency of Columbiana County will use the new funds to support key response activities, including direct health care services, patient screenings, and outreach, and enrollment.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded \$250,000 in emergency funding to Community Action Agency of Columbiana County, a HRSA-funded health center in Lisbon, Ohio, a neighboring town to help support emergency response efforts and follow-up care for people affected by the East Palestine train derailment. This funding will support key response activities, including direct health care services, patient screenings, outreach, and enrollment.

\*March 7- [HHS Office for Civil Rights Reaches Agreement with Hillsborough County Fire and Rescue in Florida to Improve Access to Care for Communities of Color](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), is pleased to announce it has reached an agreement with Hillsborough County Fire and Rescue, in Hillsborough County, Florida, on corrective steps the County will implement to ensure that

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individuals needing emergency medical services are not discriminated against on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Hillsborough County Fire and Rescue agreed to implement a revised nondiscrimination policy to better protect individuals receiving its services from discrimination.

\*March 8- [Joint Update by the Department of State and the Department of Health and Human Services on Negotiations Toward a Pandemic Accord](#). The Fourth Meeting at the World Health Organization of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body working on a pandemic accord concluded last week. The United States used this meeting to underscore its commitment to the process, with a goal of developing an accord that builds on lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthens U.S. national security by establishing clear, agreed roles and responsibilities for the WHO and its member states and partners.

\*March 9- [HHS Reopens Health Sector Climate Pledge](#). *Health sector organizations are invited to join 100+ organizations which, combined with Federal Health Systems, represent over 15% of all US hospitals, in making commitments to emissions reduction and climate resilience.* (Washington, D.C.) – Today, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE) announced that the White House-HHS Health Sector Climate Pledge will accept new signatories on an ongoing basis. The announcement comes after multiple health sector stakeholders requested to join the initiative following its October 2022 deadline.

\*March 9- [HHS Releases President’s Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget](#). *Investments address urgent needs to extend Medicare solvency, lower drug costs, bolster public health preparedness, improve the well-being of children and seniors, expand access to health care, increase the health care workforce, and advance research underlying medicine, public health, and social services.* The Biden-Harris Administration today released the President’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2024. The budget details a blueprint to grow the economy from the bottom up and middle out, lower costs for families, protect and strengthen Medicare and Social Security, and reduce the deficit by ensuring the wealthy and big corporations pay their fair share—all while ensuring no one making less than \$400,000 per year pays more in taxes.

## Blog

\*March 9- [File your taxes using Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace® Statement](#). The tax filing deadline is April 18, 2023. If anyone in your household had a Marketplace plan in 2022, use Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace® Statement to file your federal taxes. You’ll get this form from the Marketplace, not the IRS. Check your Form 1095-A to make sure your information is correct. Keep it with your other important tax information.

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