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News Releases

*March 11- On One-Year Anniversary of the American Rescue Plan, Secretary Becerra and HHS Leaders Celebrate Administration’s Accomplishments in Building a Healthier America. Today, Secretary Xavier Becerra and leaders across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the following statements celebrating the one-year anniversary of President Joe Biden’s enactment of the American Rescue Plan on March 11, 2021.

*March 11- Readout of Secretary Becerra’s Virtual Roundtable on the American Rescue Plan Anniversary with Child Care Providers. On March 11, 2022, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra hosted a virtual roundtable with child care providers to discuss the impact that the passage of the Biden-Harris Administration’s American Rescue Plan has had on the child care industry.


*March 15- HHS Announces Funding for Substance Use Treatment and Prevention Programs. Today, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is announcing two grant programs totaling $25.6 million that will expand access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder and prevent the misuse of prescription drugs. By reducing barriers to accessing the most effective, evidenced-based treatments, this funding reflects the priorities of HHS’ Overdose Prevention Strategy, as well as its new initiative to strengthen the nation's mental health and crisis care systems.

*March 16- Secretary Becerra and Ambassador Tai Reaffirm Administration’s Commitment to Addressing Anti-Asian Hate and Gender-Based Violence on One-Year Anniversary of the Atlanta
Spa Shootings. Today, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra and U.S. Trade Representative Ambassador Katherine Tai, Co-Chairs of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI) and President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (PACAANHPI), issued a joint statement on the one-year anniversary of the tragic Atlanta spa shootings on March 16, 2021, in which a gunman targeted three separate Asian-owned businesses in Georgia and killed eight people, including six women of Asian descent.

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