News Releases

*March 20- [HHS Strengthens Response to Domestic Violence through the New Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services](https://health.gov). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a new office, the Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services (OFVPS), under the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). This new office reflects the Biden-Harris Administration’s commitment to prioritizing domestic violence prevention and addressing the intersections of domestic violence prevention work across the federal government.

*March 21- [Readout of HHS Secretary Becerra’s Meeting with National Pharmacy Leaders](https://health.gov). Secretary Becerra reiterated commitment to continued partnership in lowering costs and expanding access to health care for Americans across the country. On Monday, March 20th, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra met virtually with leaders from national pharmacy chains and networks to discuss how HHS will continue to partner with pharmacies across the nation on a variety of critical issues. The Biden-Harris Administration has made lowering health care costs and expanding access to health care a key priority, and Secretary Becerra reiterated HHS’ commitment to working together with pharmacy leaders to continue delivering on these goals for Americans across the country.

*March 21- [HHS and DOC Announce Plan to Review March-In Authority](https://health.gov). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Commerce (DOC) announced efforts to pursue a whole-of-government approach to review its march-in authority as laid out in the Bayh-Dole Act, which promotes commercialization of research results, maximizes the potential for federally-funded technologies to become products, and serves the broader interest of the American public. The Interagency Working Group for Bayh-Dole will develop a framework for implementation of the march-in provision that clearly articulates guiding criteria and processes for making determinations where different factors, including price, may be a consideration in agencies’ assessments.

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