



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*April 1- [Remarks by Surgeon General Vivek Murthy at Virtual Launch Event for COVID-19 Community Corps with Vice President Harris](#). “Good morning and thank you all for joining us today. My name is Dr. Vivek Murthy, and I am honored to serve as the Surgeon General of the United States. In my role, I’m charged with looking out for the health and wellbeing of every American. I consider this to be a sacred responsibility particularly in this grave moment when we are living through a once in a century pandemic.”

*April 7- [HHS Secretary Becerra Announces More Than 500,000 Americans Have Enrolled in Marketplace Coverage During Special Enrollment Period](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra announced that more than half a million consumers have already signed up for health insurance through HealthCare.gov as a result of the Biden Administration’s Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The SEP, along with the additional financial assistance afforded by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), offers the opportunity for individuals and families to take advantage of significantly reduced premiums, increased savings, and quality, affordable health coverage through the Marketplaces using the Federal Platform.

*April 7- [HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra Announces Expansion of COVID-19 Vaccine Program to All Community Health Centers Across the Country](#). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra today announced that all HRSA-funded health centers and Health Center Program look-alikes (LALs) will now be invited to participate in the Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program. These health centers will have the opportunity to join the program as soon as they are ready, increasing the total number of health centers that have been invited to 1,470 nationwide. This expansion will be made through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Fact Sheets

*April 7- [FY 2022 Proposed Medicare Payment and Quality Reporting Updates for Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities \(CMS-1750-P\)](#). On April 7, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule that would update Medicare payment policies and rates for the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 and propose changes to the IPF Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program. CMS is publishing this proposed rule consistent with the legal requirements to update Medicare payment policies for IPFs on an annual basis. This fact sheet discusses the major provisions of the proposed rule.

*April 7- [2021 Marketplace Special Enrollment Period Report](#). February 15 – March 31, 2021. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) report that over 528,000 Americans signed up for health insurance from the start of the 2021 Marketplace Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for consumers in HealthCare.gov States through March 31, including approximately 322,000 signups from March 1 to March 31.

*April 7- [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2022 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility \(IRF\) Prospective Payment System \(PPS\) Proposed Rule \(CMS-1748-P\)](#). On April 7, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule that would update Medicare payment policies and rates for facilities under the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) and the IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for fiscal year (FY) 2022. CMS is publishing this proposed rule consistent with the legal requirements to update Medicare payment policies for IRFs on an annual basis.

Blogs

*April 1- [COVID-19 TOPx Tech Sprint Final Demos: Showcasing Digital Diagnostic Tools](#). The HHS "COVID-19 TOPx" technology sprint aims to further develop digital health tools to capture, harmonize, and securely transmit data from COVID-19 diagnostic tests. The COVID-19 TOPx tech sprint exit disclaimer icon is now in its 10th and final week, and will provide valuable insights about on-the-ground needs and challenges to ensure effective collection and reporting of COVID-19 diagnostic data.

*April 8- [2020 taxes & health insurance: Get tips](#). If anyone in your household had a Marketplace plan in 2020, you'll use Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace® Statement to fill out Form 8962, Premium Tax Credit (PDF, 110 KB).

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