



## CMS Snapshot

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### News Releases

\*May 31- [CMS Roundup \(May. 31, 2024\)](#).

\*May 31- [Biden-Harris Administration Launches Nationwide Heat and Health Tool to Protect Communities Most Impacted by Extreme Heat](#). *New tool – the first-ever to provide zip-code level data – will help target heat-related health resources and prioritize life-saving interventions for communities most affected by extreme heat.* Today, on National Heat Awareness Day, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is [launching a new tool](#) to help communities prepare for [extreme heat](#) and prevent heat-related illness, especially among those most at risk. The Heat and Health Index (HHI) is the first nationwide tool to provide heat-health outcome information at the ZIP code level. The HHI will help state and local officials identify communities, at the zip code level, most likely to experience negative health outcomes from heat, ensure that outreach and medical aid reach the people who need it most, and help decision-makers prioritize community resilience investments.

\*May 31- [OCR Updates Change Healthcare Cybersecurity Incident FAQs](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) published an update to the frequently asked questions (FAQs) [webpage](#) concerning the Change Healthcare cybersecurity incident. The webpage, first published on April 19, 2024, provides answers to FAQs concerning the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Rules and the cybersecurity incident impacting Change Healthcare, a unit of UnitedHealth Group (UHG), and many other health care entities.

\*June 1- [Statement from Secretary Xavier Becerra on Amended International Health Regulations](#). Today, the nations of the world take a giant step toward protecting the health of humanity by adopting amendments to the International Health Regulations, building on the lessons we learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.

\*June 3- [Statements by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and HHS Principals on Pride Month](#). Today, after raising the progress Pride Flag outside of the Department of Health and Human

Services (HHS) headquarters, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and other HHS leaders from across the Department released the following statements to celebrate Pride Month.

\*June 3- [HRSA Announces \\$15 Million in New Investments to Address Maternal Health Needs and Disparities in Rural Communities](#). *HRSA is making nearly \$8 million in Rural MOMS awards and launching a new program with approximately \$7 million in available funding to address maternal health needs in the South and Midwest.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced a combined investment of \$15 million over four years through the Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies (Rural MOMS) Program to improve maternal health in rural communities and a new program focused on strengthening maternal care and reducing disparities in the Delta region (within Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee). HRSA Deputy Administrator Jordan Grossman highlighted these strategic investments today in Flagstaff, AZ, during the third state convening of HRSA's [Enhancing Maternal Health Initiative](#).

\*June 4- [Biden-Harris Administration Expands Access to Mental Health and Substance Use Services with Addition of 10 New States to CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration Program](#). *The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act gave HHS the authority to add 10 states to the CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration program every two years, starting with the 10 being announced today.* The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), today welcomed 10 new states into the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Medicaid Demonstration Program, after they successfully developed the necessary state-level infrastructure and worked with providers in their states to develop programs that meet CCBHC standards: Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Rhode Island and Vermont.

\*June 4- [HHS Office for Civil Rights Takes Action to Ensure Access to Care for Patients Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing](#). *This is the latest action that OCR has taken to strengthen access to health and human services for people with disabilities.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced a settlement with Englewood Ear Nose and Throat (Englewood) to ensure effective communication and access to services for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Englewood provides otolaryngology services, including the medical and surgical management of problems related to the ear, nose, and throat, for adults and adolescents in New Jersey. The settlement was the result of OCR's investigation of Englewood regarding allegations that it discriminated against people who are deaf and utilize American Sign Language as their primary means of communication.

\*June 4- [Readout of Secretary Becerra's Roundtable with Reproductive Health Leaders](#). On Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra hosted a roundtable with reproductive health leaders from across the country to discuss the current landscape of access to reproductive health care. Secretary Becerra

highlighted recent efforts by the Biden-Harris Administration to protect access to reproductive health care, and thanked participants for their efforts to support those who are seeking care, as well as those providing that care.

\*June 6- [Statement from Secretary Becerra on the Supreme Court Decision of the \*BECERRA, SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ET AL. v. SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE\* Decision.](#)

Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra released the following statement on the *BECERRA, SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ET AL. v. SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE* Supreme Court decision.

## Fact Sheet

\*May 31- [Fact Sheet: In Response to H5N1, HHS and USDA Focus on Protecting Farmworkers.](#)

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including its four agencies CDC, FDA, NIH, and ASPR, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), remain focused on keeping communities healthy, safe, and informed in response to the outbreak of H5N1 in dairy cattle. CDC continues to assess that the risk to the general public is low.

## Blogs

\*May 30- [Lose Medicaid or CHIP? Stay covered 4 ways.](#) You have health insurance options if you lose Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage.