



## CMS Snapshot

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#### News Releases

\*July 16- [HHS Announces \\$103 Million from American Rescue Plan to Strengthen Resiliency and Address Burnout in the Health Workforce](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announced the availability of an estimated \$103 million in American Rescue Plan funding over a three-year period to reduce burnout and promote mental health among the health workforce. These investments, which take into particular consideration the needs of rural and medically underserved communities, will help health care organizations establish a culture of wellness among the health and public safety workforce and will support training efforts that build resiliency for those at the beginning of their health careers.

\*July 19- [CMS Proposes Rule to Increase Price Transparency, Access to Care, Safety & Health Equity](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is proposing actions to address the health equity gap, ensure consumers have the information they need to make fully informed decisions regarding their health care, improve emergency care access in rural communities, and use lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic to inform patient care and quality measurements.

\*July 22- [HHS Encourages States to Educate Eligible Immigrants about Medicaid Coverage](#). Today, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an informational bulletin to states' Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) agencies reaffirming that the [2019 Public Charge Final Rule](#) – "Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds" – is no longer in effect and states should encourage their eligible immigrant populations to access public benefits related to health and housing.

\*July 22- [Biden-Harris Administration Provides \\$100 Million to Rural Health Clinics for COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach in Their Communities to Increase Vaccinations](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provided nearly \$100 million to rural health clinics across

the country to support outreach efforts to increase vaccinations in rural communities. The funds will go to more than 1,980 Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) who will use these resources to develop and implement additional vaccine confidence and outreach efforts as many communities face the Delta variant and work to get more people vaccinated and protected from COVID-19 in medically underserved rural communities. The funding was made available by the American Rescue Plan and is being administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) through the Rural Health Clinic Vaccine Confidence (RHCVC) Program.

\*July 22- [Biden Administration to Invest More Than \\$1.6 Billion to Support COVID-19 Testing and Mitigation in Vulnerable Communities](#). As part of the Biden-Harris Administration's ongoing COVID-19 response efforts, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will invest more than \$1.6 billion from the American Rescue Plan to support testing and mitigation measures in high-risk congregate settings to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and detect and stem potential outbreaks.

\*July 22- [HHS Announces New National Challenge to Reduce HIV-Related Stigma and Disparities](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the launch of The HIV Challenge, a national competition to engage communities to reduce HIV-related stigma and increase prevention and treatment among racial and ethnic minority people. The HIV Challenge is part of a new partnership between the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP) and the HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH).

## Fact Sheets

\*July 19- [CY 2022 Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System Proposed Rule \(CMS-1753-P\)](#). On July 19, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed Medicare payment rates for hospital outpatient and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) services. The Calendar Year (CY) 2022 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and ASC Payment System Proposed Rule is published annually and will have a 60-day comment period, which will end on September 17, 2021. The final rule with comment period will be issued in early November.

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