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News Releases

*August 12- [Statements by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure on House Passage of the Inflation Reduction Act](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure issued the following statements on House passage of the Inflation Reduction Act.

*August 15- [Biden-Harris Administration Makes Hundreds of Thousands More Vaccine Doses Available to Support Monkeypox Response](#). *States and jurisdictions to receive twice the allocation previously anticipated under accelerated delivery schedule.* The Biden-Harris Administration, through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announced today that it is making up to 442,000 doses of the JYNNEOS vaccine available for states and jurisdictions to order under an accelerated Phase 3 of the National Vaccine Strategy (NVS) to combat the current monkeypox outbreak.

*August 16- [HHS Approves 12-month Extension of Postpartum Medicaid and CHIP Coverage in Hawaii, Maryland, and Ohio](#). *An estimated additional 34,000 people are now eligible for essential care for a full year after pregnancy, thanks to the American Rescue Plan and the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to strengthen maternal health coverage.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), approved the extension of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage for 12 months after pregnancy in Hawaii, Maryland, and Ohio. As a result, up to an additional [34,000 people annually](#) – including 2,000 in Hawaii; 11,000 in Maryland; and 21,000 in Ohio – will now be eligible for Medicaid or Title XXI-funded Medicaid expansion CHIP coverage for a full year after pregnancy.

*August 16- [Statements by CMS Leadership on President Biden Signing Inflation Reduction Act into Law](#). Today, leaders of the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS) issued the following statements after President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law.

*August 17- [CMS Discontinuing the Use of Certificates of Medical Necessity and Durable Medical Equipment Information Forms](#). As part of its ongoing efforts to increase access to care and to reduce unnecessary administrative burden for stakeholders, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be discontinuing the use of Certificates of Medical Necessity (CMNs) and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Information Forms (DIFs) for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2023. CMS suppliers must continue to submit CMN and DIF information for claims with dates of service before January 1, 2023 if it is required.

*August 17- [HHS Deputy Secretary and ACF Assistant Secretary Visit Operation Allies Welcome National Conference Center](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm visited the National Conference Center (NCC) Safe Haven to thank federal partners for their dedication and hard work to support the Biden-Harris Administration's Operation Allies Welcome (OAW) initiative which has facilitated more than 80,000 Afghan nationals to join communities across the country. Deputy Secretary Palm was accompanied by Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Assistant Secretary January Contreras and Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Acting Director Andrea Chapman for the visit.

*August 18- [Inaugural PandemicX Accelerator Graduates Cohort Creating a Model for Future Public-Private Collaboration](#). *Fifteen health tech startups to share how they are tackling critical health challenges with innovation and federal support.* The Biden-Harris Administration is working to increase tech innovations and health equity in the wake of COVID-19 by launching a novel program to accelerate private-public collaboration called PandemicX. The inaugural PandemicX 2022 cohort, which was comprised of 15 health technology startups, will highlight their tech innovations in a special PandemicX finale webinar. The webinar will take place on August 18, 2022, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET. Leaders from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will also participate in the event to share how PandemicX can be used as a model for future public-private health collaborations.

Blogs

*August 18- [Creating a Roadmap for the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#). *Jonathan Blum, Chief Operating Officer and Principal Deputy Administrator; Carol Blackford, Director Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group; and Jean Moody-Williams, Deputy Director of the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality.* The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) plays an important role in protecting the health and safety of all Americans as they journey through the health care system. This is especially true during a pandemic, natural disaster, or other emergencies. Throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), CMS has used a combination of emergency authority waivers, regulations, enforcement discretion, and sub-regulatory guidance to ensure access to care and give health care providers the flexibilities needed to respond to COVID-19 and help keep people safer.

*August 18- [Doing Homework on Vaccines this Back-to-School Season? Here are 10 Ways to Separate Fact from Fiction](#). By: [B. Kaye Hayes, MPA](#), Deputy Assistant Secretary for Infectious Disease and Director of the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy. A new school year is an exciting, yet busy time. There are supplies to buy, schedules to plan, and forms to complete. And there are things to do to keep children healthy so they can stay in school. Vaccines help keep your child healthy. Routine vaccines are a safe and effective way to protect children against 17 harmful diseases, like chickenpox and measles, to name just two.

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