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News Releases

*August 23- [CMS Roundup \(August. 23, 2024\)](#).

*August 26- [Biden-Harris Administration Awards \\$100 Million to Navigators Who Will Help Millions of Americans — Especially in Underserved Communities — Sign Up for Health Coverage](#). The Biden-Harris Administration today continued its historic investment in health care coverage and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by awarding a new round of \$100 million to organizations vital to helping underserved communities, consumers, and small businesses find and enroll in quality, affordable health coverage through HealthCare.gov, the Health Insurance Marketplace®.

*August 26- [Biden-Harris Administration Announces \\$65.7 Million in Prevention, Treatment, and Workforce Enhancement Awards and Funding Opportunities to Advance President’s Unity Agenda for the Nation. \\$27.5 Million Dedicated to Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), announced over \$65 million in grant awards and notices of funding opportunity (NOFO) to help tackle mental health and substance use crises – two key pillars in the President’s Unity Agenda. This includes \$27.5 million through the Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) program to help Tribes, state and local governments, and colleges and universities to develop and deliver substance use prevention services.

*August 27- [Biden-Harris Administration Awards Over \\$558 Million to Improve Maternal Health, including \\$440 Million to Support Pregnant and New Moms, Infants, and Children through Voluntary Home Visiting Programs Proven to Improve Maternal and Child Health, Child Development, and School Readiness](#). *HHS Also Awards \$118.5 Million to Enhance Maternal Mortality Research and Prevention Efforts*. Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced more than \$558 million in funding to improve maternal health, building on the Biden-Harris Administration’s commitment to reducing the nation’s high

maternal mortality rate through the [White House Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis](#).

*August 27- [Secretary Becerra Hosts Roundtable with Health Care Leaders to Address the Shortage of Blood Culture Media Bottles](#). On Friday, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra hosted a roundtable with government officials, hospital and clinical leaders, distributors, and representatives from Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD) to discuss mitigation strategies and solutions to alleviate the shortage of blood culture media bottles. Secretary Becerra began the call by highlighting the importance of acting now in order to avoid more acute shortages as we move into fall respiratory virus season.

*August 28- [U.S. Surgeon General Issues Advisory on the Mental Health and Well-Being of Parents](#). *Washington, D.C.* – Today, United States Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy released a *Surgeon General's Advisory on the Mental Health and Well-Being of Parents*, highlighting the urgent need to better support parents, caregivers, and families to help our communities thrive. Over the last decade, parents have been consistently more likely to report experiencing high levels of stress compared to other adults. 33% of parents reporting high levels of stress in the past month compared to 20% of other adults. When stress is severe or prolonged, it can have a harmful effect on the mental health of parents and caregivers, which in turn also affects the well-being of the children they raise. Children of parents with mental health conditions may face heightened risks for symptoms of depression and anxiety and for earlier onset, recurrence, and prolonged functional impairment from mental health conditions.

*August 29- [Alison Barkoff Announces Departure from HHS](#). Today, Alison Barkoff, the senior official performing the duties of the Administration for Community Living (ACL) Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging, announced that she will be leaving the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in early October.

*August 29- [Biden-Harris Administration Awards \\$81.3 Million in Funding to Further Advance the President's Unity Agenda](#). *Awards including funding to integrate primary and behavioral health care, expand drug treatment court capacity.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), announced \$81.3 million in grant awards, including more than \$16 million to support the integration of primary and behavioral health care. The integration of primary and behavioral health care is considered the future of health care because it uses systematic, evidence-based approaches to improve the delivery of person-centered comprehensive care; increases access to preventive care and screenings; coordinates care to address mental, physical, social, and substance use related needs; and reduces overall costs of care for patients, providers, and health care systems.

*August 29- [President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition Hosts One Lacrosse Gathering Celebration on September 7, 2024](#). *Inaugural Event Honors America's First Games at the National Mall with Games, Nutrition Education, and Native Traditions.* Washington, D.C. – [The](#)

[President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition, The National Fitness Foundation](#) , an inaugural, one-day event on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm ET. The event will celebrate America's rich cultural heritage through traditional Native American games, with a focus on the origins and modern impact of lacrosse and other native traditions on cultural identity and overall well-being.

Blog

*August 28- [Change Story: Dia D. Harris](#). By: [Dia Harris](#), Chief Equity Officer, Administration for Children and Families Department of Health and Human Services. Summary: *Dia D. Harris' journey embodies perseverance and DEIA commitment, from Head Start to ACF's first Chief Equity Officer, shaping equity and inclusion in all his work.* A Message from the Chief Equity Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.