



CMS Snapshot

August 29-September 5, 2024

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All releases below are from 2pm Thursday, August 29 through 2pm Thursday, September 5, 2024.

News Releases

*August 30- [Statement by Secretary Xavier Becerra on Labor Day](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra released the following statement ahead of Labor Day.

*August 31- [Statement by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on International Overdose Awareness Day](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra released the following statement in recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day.

*September 1- [Statement by Secretary Xavier Becerra - Kinship Care Month](#). We know that children do better when they're with their families. We also know that too many families have been adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality – including families of color and families from underserved rural areas.

*September 1- [Statements by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Rachel Levine on National Sickle Cell Awareness Month](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Rachel Levine, MD, released the following statements to celebrate September as National Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

*September 3- [Statement by Secretary Xavier Becerra - National Suicide Prevention Month](#). Suicide is a complex public health problem, that tragically impacts everyone - our friends, family, neighbors, and communities.

*September 5- [Statement from Secretary Becerra on Lowered Rate of Youth E-Tobacco Use at Lowest in a Decade](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra released the following statement in response to [newly released data](#) on youth e-tobacco use.

Blog

*September 4- [Change Story: Robert S. Tagalicon](#). By: [Robert Tagalicon](#), Chief of Staff Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration Department of Health and Human Services.
Summary: ASAIO Chief of Staff Robert S. Tagalicon's journey, rooted in justice and service, drives his DEIA leadership at HHS, championing data programs to foster inclusion.

*September 5- [Stay connected: It's easy with 3 simple ways](#). As Open Enrollment (*Open Enrollment Period November 1 - January 15 each year*) gets closer, take the first step to get ready.