



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*September 16- [HHS Awards More Than \\$3.6 Million to Bolster Support, Training on Substance Use Disorder During Pregnancy and Postpartum](#). Today the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office on Women's Health (OWH) announced it awarded more than \$3.6 million in competitive grants to seven organizations working to bolster support for individuals experiencing substance use disorder (SUD) during pregnancy and postpartum. Five of the recipients also will use the funds to address the intersection of SUD and intimate partner violence (IPV). This work builds on the HHS overdose prevention strategy and will advance the President's unity agenda and the [White House Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis - PDF](#) released earlier this year to improve maternal health and advance health equity.

*September 16- [After Launching National Tour to Strengthen Mental Health, HHS Releases Roadmap Based on Patient and Provider Feedback](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the [HHS Roadmap for Behavioral Health Integration](#) (Roadmap), which details policy solutions that would help to better integrate mental health and substance use care into the larger health care system and other systems. The Roadmap is based on feedback Secretary Becerra received from patients and providers during more than two dozen stops on his [National Tour to Strengthen Mental Health](#). Launched in March the day after President Biden's State of the Union address, Secretary Becerra's National Tour to Strengthen Mental Health – like the Roadmap – is one of the many ways HHS is working to answer President Biden's call to transform the delivery of behavioral health care in the U.S.

*September 19- [HHS Awards \\$3 Million for Initiative to Promote Black Youth Mental Health](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) announced more than \$3 million in grants to eight organizations for a new initiative to demonstrate policy effectiveness to promote Black youth mental health (BYMH). This three-year initiative will help identify health and wellness policies that are successful in improving BYMH, including suicide prevention.

*September 20- [OCR Settles Three Cases with Dental Practices for Patient Right of Access under HIPAA](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced the resolution of three investigations concerning potential violations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule's patient right of access provision. These cases are part of a collective effort, bringing the total 41 cases, to drive compliance on right of access under the law.

*September 20- [Statements by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, Other Department Leaders on National Sickle Cell Awareness Month](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra and other HHS leaders from across the Department released the following statements to celebrate September as National Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

*September 20- [HHS Awards nearly \\$1 Million to Address Eating Disorders in Adolescent Girls](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office on Women's Health announced it awarded nearly \$1 million in grant awards to improve early detection and prevention of eating disorders in adolescent girls. The grants will support development of evidenced-based interventions that target COVID-19-related stressors and potential barriers to early diagnosis. These grant awards are part of a larger [HHS effort](#) to expand prevention awareness about eating disorders, improve care, and reduce stigma.

*September 21- [CMS Announces Resources and Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced today additional resources and flexibilities available in response to Hurricane Fiona in the commonwealth of Puerto Rico. CMS is working closely with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to put these flexibilities in place to ensure those affected by this natural disaster have access to the care they need – when they need it most.

*September 21- [HHS Secretary Becerra Declares Public Health Emergency for Puerto Rico after Hurricane Fiona](#). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra today declared a Public Health Emergency for the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico due to the flooding impact of Hurricane Fiona. The declaration follows President Biden's [disaster declaration](#) and gives the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) beneficiaries and their health care providers and suppliers greater flexibility in meeting emergency health needs.

*September 21- [HHS Delivers First National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers](#). Today the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through its Administration for Community Living, released the [2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers](#). It highlights nearly 350 actions the federal government will take to support family caregivers in the coming year and more than 150 actions that can be adopted at other levels of government and across the private sector to build a system to support family caregivers. Family caregivers – who provide the overwhelming majority of long-term care in the United States– currently lack resources to maintain their health, wellbeing, and financial security while providing crucial support for others.

*September 22- [HHS Approves 12-month Extension of Postpartum Medicaid and CHIP Coverage in North Carolina](#). 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 North Carolina. As a result, up to an additional [28,000 people](#) will now be eligible for Medicaid or CHIP for a full year after pregnancy in North Carolina. With today's approval, in combination with previously approved state extensions, an estimated 361,000 Americans annually in 24 states and D.C. are eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage. If all states adopted this option, as many as 720,000 people across the United States would be guaranteed Medicaid and CHIP coverage for 12 months after pregnancy.

Blogs

*September 15- [National Hispanic Heritage Month Blog by Dr. Fátima Coronado](#) By: [Fátima Coronado MD, MPH](#), Associate Director for Science, Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Every year, the United States recognizes **National Hispanic Heritage Month** (NHHM) from September 15 to October 15, to celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of generations of Hispanic Americans born in and outside the U.S., who have helped to shape this diverse country. The theme for this year's NHHM is ***Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation***. In Hispanic culture, *unidos* (in unity, with inclusivity) is associated with positive outcomes. Being *unidos* is necessary for getting through tough times, for meeting goals and getting things done *together*.

*September 15- [3 ways to connect with the Marketplace](#). Open Enrollment for 2023 coverage is around the corner and starts November 1. Here's how you can connect with the Marketplace so you don't miss deadlines, useful tips, and more.

*September 21- [HHS History and the Office of Climate Change and Health Equity](#) By: [John Balbus](#), Interim Director of the Office of Climate Change and Health Equity within OASH and [Jenny Keroack](#), Office of Climate Change and Health Equity. The idea that HHS has a responsibility to safeguard the public from climate change, including the inequities it exacerbates, is firmly rooted in U.S. public health history.

*September 22- [Get your flu shot this fall](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone 6 months and older get a flu shot every year by the end of October. Getting a flu shot is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu and its potentially serious complications. With Marketplace insurance, immunizations are a covered [preventive care benefit](#). This means your flu shot is free from a provider in your plan's network.

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