



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*October 4- [CMS Roundup \(October 4, 2024\)](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provides an at-a-glance summary of news from around the agency.

*October 7- [The White House Initiative and President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders Announces Helen Beaudreau as New Executive Director](#). *Krystal Ka'ai appointed Member of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders*. The White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI) and the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders announced that Helen Beaudreau has been selected by President Biden to serve as its new Executive Director.

*October 8- [HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra Declares Public Health Emergency for Florida to Aid Health Care Response to Hurricane Milton](#). *Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response emergency personnel prepared to augment state and local response efforts*. Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra declared a Public Health Emergency (PHE) for Florida to address the health impacts of Hurricane Milton, the second public health emergency declaration for the state to aid in a hurricane response within the past two weeks.

*October 9- [Biden-Harris Administration Takes Next Step on Proposed Model to Lower Prescription Drug Costs for People with Medicare](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), released a Request for Information (RFI) and a sample list of prescription drugs that the agency preliminarily intends to include under the proposed Medicare \$2 Drug List Model, which was developed in accordance with President Biden's [Executive Order 14087, "Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for Americans"](#).

*October 9- [Letter to Health Care Leaders and Stakeholders on Impacts of Hurricane Helene from Secretary Becerra](#).

*October 9- [Biden-Harris Administration Takes Next Step on Proposed Model to Lower Prescription Drug Costs for People with Medicare](#). *CMS Seeks Feedback on Medicare \$2 Drug List Model, Sample \$2 Drug List, and Outreach*. Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), released a Request for Information (RFI) and a sample list of prescription drugs that the agency preliminarily intends to include under the proposed Medicare \$2 Drug List Model, which was developed in accordance with President Biden’s [Executive Order 14087, “Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for Americans”](#).

*October 10- [CMS Announces Resources and Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in the State of Florida](#). *CMS Announces Resources and Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in the State of Florida*. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced today additional resources and flexibilities available in response to Hurricane Milton in Florida. CMS is working closely with the State of Florida and federal partners 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.

*October 10- [HHS Office for Civil Rights Secures Agreement with the State of Maryland to Make Programs More Accessible for Persons with Disabilities](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR) secured a settlement agreement (Agreement) with the State of Maryland to protect the civil rights of persons with disabilities. The Agreement is based on federal civil rights laws, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Title II of the ADA).

Fact Sheets

*October 4- [HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2026 Proposed Rule](#). The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is more popular than ever: A new report shows that nearly 50 million people – or one in seven Americans – have had ACA Marketplace coverage at some point.[\[1\]](#)

*October 7- [JYNNEOS Coverage Fact Sheet](#). *The CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends vaccination with the 2-dose JYNNEOS vaccine series for persons aged 18 years and older at risk for mpox*. For a summary on mpox vaccine recommendations, click [here](#).

*October 7- [Fact Sheet: HHS Actions to Support Response to Marburg Outbreak in Rwanda](#). On September 27, 2024, the Republic of Rwanda’s Ministry of Health reported cases of Marburg Virus Disease (MVD) in seven districts around the country and declared an outbreak. As of October 6, 2024, Rwanda has reported 49 cases and 12 deaths from MVD.

Blogs

*October 9- [Change Story: LaKeisha McClendon](#). By: [LaKeisha McClendon](#), Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Food and Drug Administration Department of Health and Human Services. Summary: LaKeisha McClendon draws on her Baltimore roots to lead DEIA efforts at the FDA, driving inclusion through strategic planning, mentorship, and breaking barriers. A Message from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Office of Equal Employment Opportunity (OEEO) Director.

*October 10- [Are you ready for Open Enrollment?](#) *Open Enrollment for 2025 Marketplace coverage starts November 1.* Open Enrollment is right around the corner. Make sure you're ready.