



## CMS Snapshot

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#### News Releases

\*October 14- [Biden-Harris Administration Kicks Off Medicare Open Enrollment with Lower Premiums, Improved Benefits for 2023](#). *Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act, enrollees will have lower costs for insulin and free ACIP-recommended vaccines starting in 2023. People with Medicare should review their coverage and drug and health plan options through December 7, 2022 on [Medicare.gov](#).* Today, the Biden-Harris Administration is announcing that Medicare Open Enrollment begins tomorrow — Saturday, October 15 — and will remain open through December 7, 2022. Medicare’s Open Enrollment period gives people with Medicare the opportunity to make changes to their health plan or prescription drug plan, pick a Medicare Advantage plan, or return to Original Medicare (also referred to as Medicare Part A and Part B). Medicare plans can change their offerings and costs every year, and individuals’ health needs can change from year-to-year, too. Now is the time for people with Medicare to review their coverage options and make a choice that best meets their health care needs.

\*October 14- [HHS Approves Arizona’s Medicaid Interventions to Target Health-Related Social Needs](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), approved Medicaid section 1115 demonstration initiatives in Arizona that will help the state take aim at health-related social needs. Like [recently approved demonstrations in Oregon and Massachusetts](#), Arizona’s demonstration will test innovative interventions that target critical drivers of health outcomes, including housing insecurity.

\*October 18- [HHS Announces Actions to Counter Biological Threats, Enhance Pandemic Preparedness, and Achieve Health Security](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced actions the department will take following National Security Memorandum 15, signed by President Biden, directing implementation of the [2022 National Biodefense Strategy and Implementation Plan for Countering Biological Threats, Enhancing Pandemic Preparedness, and Achieving Global Health Security - PDF](#).

\*October 18- [Biden-Harris Administration Announces Millions of Dollars in New Funds for States to Tackle Mental Health Crisis](#). *In addition to nearly \$300 million awarded in September for new and existing Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, \$15 million in new grants will be awarded early next year thanks to the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. Senator Stabenow and Senator Blunt’s law created Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, transforming mental health and addiction services across the country. **Note to reporters and editors:** [Video b-roll of a CCBHC](#) is available for download and use in reporting, courtesy of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is announcing a new [funding opportunity](#), authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA), for states to develop and transform Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) to address the country’s mental health crisis. CCBHCs provide crisis services that are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and serve anyone who requests care for mental health or substance use, regardless of their ability to pay.

\*October 20- [U.S. Surgeon General Releases New Framework for Mental Health & Well-Being in the Workplace](#). *Reports of “Quiet Quitting” and the Great Resignation Highlight How the COVID-19 Pandemic Shifted the Way Americans Live and Work. Framework Highlights Five Essentials for Workers in Organizations, and Businesses of Every Size to Help Leaders Develop Policies and Practices that Support the Mental Health and Well-Being of Workers.* (Washington, DC) -- Today, United States Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy released a new [Surgeon General’s Framework for Mental Health & Well-Being in the Workplace](#) outlining the foundational role that workplaces should play in promoting the health and well-being of workers and our communities. As reports of “quiet quitting” and the Great Resignation have shown, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the nature of work for many and the relationship that some workers have with their jobs.

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