



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*November 1- [CMS Roundup \(November 1, 2024\)](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provides an at-a-glance summary of news from around the agency.

*November 1- [HHS Finalizes Physician Payment Rule Strengthening Person-Centered Care and Health Quality Measures](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), announced it is finalizing new policies in the calendar year (CY) 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) final rule to strengthen primary care, expand access to preventive services, and further access to whole-person care for services such as behavioral health, oral health, and caregiver training. The final rule reflects the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to protecting and expanding Americans' access to quality and affordable health care.

*November 1- [CMS Announces New Policies to Reduce Maternal Mortality, Increase Access to Care, and Advance Health Equity](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced today new baseline health and safety requirements for hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) providing obstetrical (OB) services to make pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum care safer. CMS is also removing barriers to expand access to care for those formerly incarcerated and others in underserved communities.

*November 1- [Biden-Harris Administration Releases New Report that Shows Gains in Health Care Coverage for Rural Americans](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a new report today showing that President Biden and Vice President Harris's efforts to strengthen access to health care are linked to historic gains in rural Americans' health insurance coverage. The report from HHS' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) highlights current enrollment trends and challenges in rural America.

*November 1- [Statement from Secretary Xavier Becerra on Marketplace Open Enrollment](#). *HHS also releases new data showing how Marketplace supports small business owners, entrepreneurs.* U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra

released the following statement today marking the beginning of Marketplace open enrollment. HHS also released [new data](#) showing that 3.3 million small business owners and self-employed adults obtained health insurance through the Marketplaces in 2022. That represents, 28 percent of working-age adults who were enrolled that year. The uninsurance rate has dropped by 12 percent for self-employed adults between 2011 and 2022.

*November 1- [Commemoration of National Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education \(HOPE\) Month](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra issued the following statement to mark the start of National Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention and Education (HOPE) Month:

*November 5- [HHS Celebrates One-Year Anniversary of the Task Force on Maternal Mental Health, Details Next Steps](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is proud of the work done by the Task Force on Maternal Mental Health, building on the [White House Blueprint on Maternal Mental Health - PDF](#) and the [White House Initiative on Women's Health Research](#), to develop and deliver recommendations to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Advisory Committee for Women's Services to improve maternal mental health in the U.S.

*November 7- [HHS Releases Sexually Transmitted Infections \(STIs\) Progress Report and Herpes Simplex Virus \(HSV\) Addendum to the STI National Strategic Plan](#). *Highlighting the Department's Commitment to reduce the burden of STIs in the United States.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the [2021–2023 Progress Report - PDF](#) for the *Sexually Transmitted Infections National Strategic Plan for the United States: 2021–2025*. The progress report provides a high-level overview of progress on select federal agency programs, policies, research, and other activities during fiscal years 2021–2023.

Fact Sheets

*November 1- [Calendar Year \(CY\) 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule](#). On November 1, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a rule finalizing changes for Medicare payments under the PFS and other Medicare Part B policies, effective on or after January 1, 2025.

*November 1- [Calendar Year \(CY\) 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule \(CMS-1807-F\) - Medicare Shared Savings Program Provisions](#). On November 1, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the calendar year (CY) 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) final rule (CMS-1807-F) that includes changes to the Medicare Shared Savings Program (Shared Savings Program) to further advance Medicare's value-based care strategy of growth, alignment, and equity.

*November 1- [CY 2025 Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System Final Rule \(CMS 1809-FC\)](#). On November 1, 2024,

the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Medicare payment rates for hospital outpatient and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) services for calendar year (CY 2025). The Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and ASC Payment System final rule is published annually.

*November 1- [Calendar Year 2025 End-Stage Renal Disease \(ESRD\) Prospective Payment System \(PPS\) Final Rule \(CMS-1805-F\)](#). On November 1, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule updating payment rates and policies under the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System (PPS) for renal dialysis services furnished to Medicare beneficiaries on or after January 1, 2025.

*November 1- [Calendar Year \(CY\) 2025 Home Health Prospective Payment System Final Rule Fact Sheet \(CMS-1803-F\)](#). On November 1, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the Calendar Year (CY) 2025 Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) final rule, which updates Medicare payment policies and rates for Home Health Agencies (HHAs). This rule also updates the intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) items and services' payment rate for CY 2025 for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) suppliers. As described further below, CMS estimates that Medicare payments to HHAs in CY 2025 would increase in the aggregate by 0.5%, or \$85 million, compared to CY 2024.

Blogs

*November 1- [Enroll in 2025 Marketplace health insurance: Apply today!](#) Don't delay — enroll today! Open Enrollment for 2025 health insurance is here. Enroll in a new plan or change your coverage for the year ahead.

*November 7- [Check out 2025 Marketplace coverage options – find, compare, & save!](#) Before you apply, check out 2025 coverage options in the Marketplace and get an idea if you qualify for savings. [Answer a few quick questions](#) to preview plans and prices before enrolling or renewing coverage for 2025 — you don't even have to log in! Enroll by December 15 for coverage that starts January 1.