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News Releases

*November 18- [Statements by HHS Leaders Commemorating Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, 2022](#). In commemoration of Transgender Day of Remembrance, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra, Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Rachel Levine, Director of the HHS Office for Civil Rights Melanie Fontes Rainer, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families January Contreras, and Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon issued the following statements to honor those who have lost their lives to anti-transgender violence.

*November 18- [Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly 40% Increase in New Sign-Ups on HealthCare.Gov](#). Today, during his remarks on lowering costs for American families, President Biden announced that the number of new enrollees who have signed up for high-quality, affordable health insurance on HealthCare.Gov is up almost 40% compared to the same time last year. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra released the following statement on today's Open Enrollment announcement.

*November 21- [HHS Releases Long COVID Report Providing Insights and Opportunities to Support Patient Community](#). *Human-centered design and research model helps cultivate creative solutions*. A new report released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) highlights patients' experience of Long COVID to better understand its complexities and drive creative responses by government leaders, clinicians, patient advocates and others.

*November 22- [CMS Urges Timely Patient Access to COVID-19 Vaccines, Therapeutics](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued new guidance that highlights the need for health care providers and suppliers to ensure patients have access to the latest available COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics. In particular, CMS is reminding nursing homes that they are required to offer the COVID-19 vaccines, including any updated COVID vaccines, to residents.

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*November 22- [Over 3 Million Selected Affordable Health Coverage in ACA Marketplace Since Start of Open Enrollment Period](#). Total plan selections represent a 17% increase over last year, and includes a significant increase in new enrollees on [Healthcare.gov](#). With four out of five people eligible for coverage at \$10 or less, the Biden-Harris Administration urges everyone to visit [HealthCare.gov](#) and sign up for high-quality, affordable health care. ACA Marketplace National Enrollment [Snapshot](#). The Biden-Harris Administration announces nearly 3.4 million people nationwide have selected an Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace health plan since the start of the 2023 Marketplace Open Enrollment Period (OEP) on November 1. This represents activity through November 19 (Week 3) for the 33 states using [HealthCare.gov](#) and through November 12 (Week 2) for 16 states and the District of Columbia with State-based Marketplaces (SBMs).^[1] Total plan selections include 655,000 people (19% of total) who are new to the Marketplaces for 2023, and 2.7 million people (81% of total) who have active 2022 coverage and returned to their respective Marketplaces to renew or select a new plan for 2023. These plan selection numbers represent a 17% increase in total plan selections over last year.

*November 22- [HHS Office for Civil Rights Works with Arizona State Court to Ensure Meaningful Access for People with Limited English Proficiency](#). The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is pleased to announce that the Maricopa Superior Court (MSC) in Maricopa County, the largest county in Arizona, has agreed to take a number of action steps to ensure that individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP) are provided meaningful access to justice in its court proceedings and operations, programs and activities.

*November 22- [HHS Announces New \\$350 Million Initiative to Increase COVID-19 Vaccinations](#). HHS will distribute funding to health centers to support community-based vaccination events and outreach focused on underserved populations. Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announced a new \$350 million initiative for HRSA-supported health centers to increase COVID-19 vaccines in their communities, with a specific focus on underserved populations. This funding will support health centers administering updated COVID-19 vaccines through mobile, drive-up, walk-up, or community-based vaccination events, including working with community-based organizations, and other efforts to increase the administration of COVID-19 vaccines.

Fact Sheet

*November 22- [Marketplace 2023 Open Enrollment Period Report: National Snapshot](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reports that nearly 3.4 million Americans have signed up for 2023 individual market health insurance coverage through the Marketplaces since the start of the 2023 Marketplace Open Enrollment Period (OEP) on November 1. This includes 3.0 million plan selections in the 33 states using the [HealthCare.gov](#) platform for the 2023 plan year, through November 19, 2022 (Week 3), and 387,000 plan selections in 16 states and the District of Columbia with State-based Marketplaces (SBMs) that are using their own eligibility

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Blog

*November 21- [Driving Long COVID Innovation with Health+ Human-Centered Design](#).

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What is Long COVID? How does it impact people? What can we do to address it? Throughout the pandemic, some people with COVID-19 have experienced new or lasting symptoms beyond their initial infection. These long-term effects of COVID-19 are known as Long COVID. Estimates vary, but research suggests roughly 5 to 30% of people infected with COVID-19 are impacted by Long COVID and its associated conditions. Through the Health+ Long COVID Report we heard directly from Long COVID patients. Patients like Tara whose journey to find treatment illuminated opportunities for improvement in areas like health care delivery, technology, and public policy.

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