



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*April 19- [HHS Introduces New Video Series on Federal Disability Rights Protections That Apply to Some Individuals in Recovery from an Opioid Use Disorder](#). As part of a shared commitment to ensuring protections from discrimination apply to all people, including those in treatment for or recovery from substance use disorders, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have partnered with the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) to produce a new video series, "Civil Rights Protections for Individuals in Recovery from an Opioid Use Disorder."

*April 19- [HHS Announces Nearly \\$150 Million from American Rescue Plan to Support Community-Based Health Care Providers with COVID-19 Response](#). Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, today the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing the availability of nearly \$150 million to community-based health care providers to aid their response to COVID-19. These funds will support approximately 100 Health Center Program look-alikes to respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, strengthen vaccination efforts, and enhance health care services and infrastructure in communities across the country. Health center look-alikes (LALs) are community-based health care providers that provide essential primary care services to underserved communities and vulnerable populations but are not Health Center Program grantees.

*April 19- [HHS Announces Commitments from Partners to Encourage Latino Consumers to Enroll in Health Insurance Coverage through HealthCare.gov \(Spanish Version\)](#). Today, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra announced commitments from national organizations to support Latino outreach and enrollment efforts during the current Special Enrollment Period (SEP) made available on [HealthCare.gov](#) by President Biden due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. As part of the Latino Week of Action April 18 - 24, these organizations and HHS will share information with Latino consumers

and use social media to encourage them to enroll in affordable, quality health plans through [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov).

*April 21- [Statement from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra](#). "Yesterday's verdict delivered accountability on the road towards justice but does not change an egregious wrong. My thoughts are with George Floyd's family, the Black community, and everyone who feels the impact of wounds and trauma that too many people have confronted for far too long. We must meet the challenge to further justice and equity. At HHS, I will do everything I can to tackle racism as a serious public health threat that affects our mental and physical well-being."

*April 21- [HHS Announces the Largest Ever Funding Allocation for Navigators and Releases Final Numbers for 2021 Marketplace Open Enrollment](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that to continue its efforts to increase access to enrollment assistance for consumers, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will make \$80 million available in grants to Navigators in Federal Marketplaces for the 2022 plan year. The funding, which will be used for outreach and education efforts, is the largest allocation CMS has made available for Navigator grants to date and represents an eight fold increase in funding from the previous year.

*April 22- [HHS Launches 'We Can Do This: Live' Initiative to Increase COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence](#). As part of the Biden-Harris Administration's "*We Can Do This*" public education campaign to increase confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines and encourage vaccination, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is launching a new initiative today to connect Americans with facts and information on vaccines from doctors, scientists, and health professionals through high-impact digital platforms.

*April 22- [Long Beach Emergency Intake Site for Unaccompanied Children Opens Today](#). As part of the Biden Administration's work to create solutions to move unaccompanied children out of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) facilities as quickly as possible, the Long Beach Convention Center Emergency Intake Site (EIS) in Long Beach, California, will receive the first unaccompanied children today, approximately 150 children. The children will be welcomed by staff, receive a medical check, and be provided needed clothing, toiletries, food and snacks, as well as a safe place to rest. The Long Beach EIS will provide shelter for girls 17 years of age and younger, as well as boys under 12 years of age, and has a potential capacity of 1,000 beds, including medical isolation.

Fact Sheets

*April 21- [Market Saturation and Utilization Data Tool](#). The Market Saturation and Utilization Data Tool was developed to allow the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to monitor market saturation as a means to help prevent potential fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA). Market saturation, in the present context, refers to the density of providers of a particular

service within a defined geographic area relative to the number of beneficiaries receiving that service in the area.

Blogs

*April 22- [3 ways to use your health coverage when you feel well](#). Health insurance isn't just for when you're sick. Here's how you can use your Marketplace coverage any time.

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