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News Releases

*Jul 22- [Statement by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on the Swearing-In of Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon as Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use and Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#). On July 14, 2021, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra swore in Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, Ph.D., as the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use and Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Delphin-Rittmon served for six years as Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, where she promoted recovery-oriented, integrated and culturally-responsive services and systems that fostered dignity, respect and meaningful community inclusion.

*July 26- [HHS Announces Phase Two of HPV Vaccination Campaign for Young Adults](#). Currently, only 40% of young adults in the United States have received one or more doses of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, and only 22% have completed the vaccine series.ⁱ The HHS [Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health's Office on Women's Health](#) is launching the second phase of the *HPV VAX NOW* campaign to address this gap. The initial campaign launched on January 6, 2021 to support healthcare providers who counsel young adults in Mississippi, South Carolina, and Texas by providing resources to promote effective HPV vaccine recommendations. The second phase of the campaign will target young adults ages 18–26 in the same three states, with the long-term goal of empowering all to complete the HPV vaccine series.

*July 26- [HHS and DOJ Issue Guidance on "Long COVID" and Disability Rights Under the ADA, Section 504, and Section 1557](#). Today, as we commemorate the 31st anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) are jointly publishing guidance on how "long COVID" can be a disability under the ADA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act. The guidance is on the HHS website at <https://www.hhs.gov/civil->

[rights/for-providers/civil-rights-covid19/index.html](https://www.ada.gov/civil-rights-covid19/index.html) and on the DOJ website at https://www.ada.gov/long_covid_joint_guidance.pdf - PDF.

*July 27- [Biden-Harris Administration Provides \\$121 Million in American Rescue Plan Funds to Support Local Community-Based Efforts to Increase COVID-19 Vaccinations in Underserved Communities](#). As part of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Biden-Harris Administration is providing \$121 million to support the work of trusted community-based efforts to increase vaccinations in underserved communities. These awards will go to community-based organizations across the country that are working in their communities to build vaccine confidence, share factual information about vaccines, and answer people's questions about getting vaccinated. This investment is part of the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to support and empower local trusted voices within communities to help encourage vaccination, protect more people, and save lives.

*July 29- [SAMHSA Awards \\$250 Million to 100 Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers to Improve Community Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Treatment Services](#). The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has awarded 100 grants to increase access to facilities throughout the nation that provide community-based support for Americans in need of substance use disorder and mental health treatment services. Totaling \$250 million, including \$77 million from the American Rescue Plan (ARP), the grants support the Biden-Harris Administration's priority of addressing the behavioral health needs of Americans—particularly those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Blogs

*July 26- [The Americans with Disabilities Act at 31](#). Thirty-one years ago today, when the Disabilities Act (ADA) became law, I wonder how many Americans knew how transformative this law would be.

*July 29- [Want to enroll in or change a 2021 Marketplace health plan?](#) You can change Marketplace health coverage if you're already enrolled or can apply for the first time during the 2021 Special Enrollment Period through August 15, 2021.

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