



CMS Snapshot

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Blog Entries:

*May 16- [Income or household changes? Update your Marketplace application ASAP](#). “If you're enrolled in a Marketplace plan and have changes to your income or household, update your application with these changes as soon as possible. Changes like higher or lower income, adding or losing household members, or offers of other health coverage may affect the coverage or savings you’re eligible for.”

News Releases

*May 14- [HHS Establishing Interdepartmental Substance Use Disorders Coordinating Committee, Seeking Member Nominations](#). Adm. Brett P. Giroir, M.D., Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Health and Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Opioid Policy, announced today the creation of a [new committee](#) to identify areas for improved coordination related to substance use disorder (SUD) research, services, supports and prevention activities across all relevant federal agencies.

*May 15- [CMS Issues New Guidance Addressing Spread Pricing in Medicaid, Ensures Pharmacy Benefit Managers are not Up-Charging Taxpayers](#). As part of President Trump’s efforts to lower prescription drug costs in Medicaid, CMS today issued guidance for Medicaid and CHIP managed care plans regarding the calculation of a plan’s Medical Loss Ratio (MLR), which represents the percent of premium revenue that goes toward actual claims and activities that improve healthcare quality, as opposed to administrative costs and profits.

*May 16- [CMS Takes Action to Lower Prescription Drug Prices and Increase Transparency](#). The Trump Administration finalized improvements to Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D, which provide seniors with medical and prescription drug coverage through competing private insurance plans.

Fact Sheets

*May 16- [Medicare Advantage and Part D Drug Pricing Final Rule \(CMS-4180-F\)](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule on May 16, 2019 that modernizes and

improves the Medicare Advantage and Part D programs. These changes will ensure that patients have greater transparency into the cost of prescription drugs in Part D and will also enable Medicare Advantage plans to negotiate better prices for physician-administered medicines in Part C.

Upcoming Events and Items of Interest:

*May 22- [Open Door Forum: Rural Health](#) from 2pm-3pmET. The proposed agenda is as follows:

- Overview of Primary Care Initiative: Primary Care First and Direct Contracting Model Options

- A Conversation on Maternal Health Care in Rural Communities Forum in June announcement: <http://go.cms.gov/ruralhealth>

- FY 2020 Inpatient Prospective Payment System and Long Term Acute Care Hospital IPPS/LTCH Proposed Rule Highlights-

- Overview of Proposed Standardized Social Determinants of Health Data Elements in LTCH, SNF, and IRF Proposed Rules

- Hospital Co-Location Guidance

If you wish to participate, dial 1-800-837-1935 Conference ID: 2086442.

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