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News Releases

*June 13- [BARDA awards up to \\$500 million in Project NextGen funding for vaccine clinical trials](#). *Project awards made under new Rapid Response Partnership Vehicle will evaluate novel COVID-19 vaccine candidates.* The Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), part of the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is announcing up to \$500 million in Project NextGen funding to plan and execute multiple Phase 2b clinical trials evaluating novel vaccines administered as a nasal spray or as a pill to protect against symptomatic COVID-19.

*June 14- [CMS Roundup \(June 14, 2024\)](#).

*June 14- [Biden-Harris Administration Announces Another \\$31.4 Million in Funding Opportunities for Priority Behavioral Health Needs](#). *To advance President Biden's Unity Agenda for the nation, HHS will award funding to support behavioral health for racial and ethnic minorities and other underserved populations, substance use treatment and recovery, and integration of primary and behavioral health care.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), announced notices of funding opportunities aimed at improving behavioral health for racial and ethnic minorities, and other underserved populations, providing training and technical assistance to programs serving these populations, and integrating primary and behavioral health care. The funding totals \$31.4 million and supports the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to address the mental health and overdose crises, two key pillars of the President's Unity Agenda for the nation, as well as continuing efforts to advance health equity and address the consistent and disproportionate impact of HIV on racial and ethnic minorities.

*June 17- [CMS Preparing to Close Program that Addressed Medicare Funding Issues Resulting from Change Healthcare Cyber-Attack](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that payments under the Accelerated and Advance Payment (AAP) Program for the Change Healthcare/Optum Payment Disruption (CHOPD) will conclude on July 12, 2024.

Launched in early March, the CHOPD payments were designed to ease cash flow disruptions experienced by some Medicare providers and suppliers, such as hospitals, physicians, and pharmacists, due to the unprecedented cyberattack that took health care electronic data interchange Change Healthcare offline in February.

*June 17- [Federal Study Examines Care Following Nonfatal Overdose Among Medicare Beneficiaries; Identifies Effective Interventions and Gaps in Care](#). Researchers from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that among a cohort of 137,000 Medicare beneficiaries who experienced a nonfatal overdose in 2020, almost 24,000 (17.4%) experienced a subsequent nonfatal overdose, and about 1,300 (1%) died from overdose in the following year. Results were published today in [JAMA Internal Medicine](#), identifying both effective interventions and significant gaps in care.

*June 18- [HHS Office for Civil Rights Ensures Individuals with Disabilities Are Able to Live in Their Homes and Communities](#). *OCR's action ensures that persons with disabilities receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced an agreement with the State of Iowa to enforce Federal disability rights laws. The investigation was based on a complaint filed by Garret Frey, who alleged that the State of Iowa violated his rights by failing to provide him with the 24-hour home-based support and services he needed so that he could continue to live at home. OCR's action was based on three Federal laws: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (Section 1557), and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Each of these laws requires that services are provided in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of a person with a disability—including within their own home and community.

*June 19- [Statement by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on Juneteenth](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra released the following statement in honor of this Juneteenth Day of Observance.