



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*July 19- [CMS Statement on System Changes to Stop Unauthorized Agent and Broker Marketplace Activity](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to protecting consumers from bad actors and ensuring the program integrity of the Federally-facilitated Marketplace (FFM). That's why CMS is taking additional action to address increases in unauthorized changes in consumers' enrollments by agents and brokers. Starting on July 19, 2024, CMS will block an agent or broker from making changes to a consumer's FFM enrollment unless the agent is already associated with the consumer's enrollment.

*July 22- [Kids Online Health and Safety Task Force Announces Recommendations and Best Practices for Safe Internet Use](#). *Recommendations advance the President's Unity Agenda and underscore the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to address the ongoing youth mental health crisis.* The Biden-Harris Administration's Kids Online Health and Safety Task Force, co-led by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the U.S. Department of Commerce's (DOC) National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), released a new report today with recommendations and best practices for safer social media and online platform use for youth.

*July 24- [Biden-Harris Administration Awards \\$45.1 Million to Expand Mental Health and Substance Use Services Across the Lifespan](#). *Funding will also improve opportunities for historically underserved populations and support recovery for individuals and communities affected by substance use disorders.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), announced grant awards totaling \$45.1 million, of which \$15.3 million will fund services specifically for children and youth. This funding highlights the Biden-Harris Administration's continued commitment to address the mental health and overdose crises – two key pillars of the [President's Unity Agenda for the Nation](#).

*July 24- [HHS, Treasury, and Interior Departments and the Executive Office of the President Aim to Reduce Administrative Burden for Tribal Grant Recipients](#). *In New Report, Interagency Team Identifies Barriers to Compliance in Post-Award Reporting and Offers Solutions Shown to be Effective in Pilot Project*. The U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Treasury, and Interior, in partnership with the Executive Office of the President, released a report detailing findings from the Tribal CX Pilot for Post-Award Reporting project. The report provides an in-depth overview of the impact of piloted solutions to assist with grant reporting compliance, and future focus areas to support agencies as they work toward effective policy for the economic growth of Tribal Nations. A copy of the Tribal CX Pilot for Post-Award Reporting report can be found [here](#).

*July 25- [HHS Reorganizes Technology, Cybersecurity, Data, and Artificial Intelligence Strategy and Policy Functions](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced a reorganization that will streamline and bolster technology, cybersecurity, data, and artificial intelligence (AI) strategy and policy functions.

Blogs

*July 24- [Change Story: Tiffany Brown](#). By: [Tiffany Brown JD MPH](#), Deputy Chief of Staff at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Office of the Director. Summary: Tiffany Brown's journey from skepticism in high school to CDC Deputy Chief of Staff highlights her resilience and commitment to establishing DEIAB programs. A Message from the Deputy Chief of Staff at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Office of the Director.

*July 25- [Long COVID Innovation in Action! Meet the Long COVID Healthathon Winners](#). By: [Kathleen Carroll](#), U.S. Digital Corps Fellow, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Summary: HHS awards \$25,000 to digital solutions that support people living with Long COVID today. Rigorous science takes time, and people living with Long COVID need help today. That's why the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) hosted the [Long COVID "Healthathon"](#)

*July 25- [When life changes, let us know](#). Some life changes can affect your coverage and how much you save on your Marketplace plan. If you have a life change, like moving or getting married, let us know as soon as possible. You may qualify for a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in or change plans.