



## CMS Snapshot

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### News Releases

\*September 12- [CMS Announces Resources and Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in the State of Louisiana](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced today additional resources and flexibilities available in response to Hurricane Francine in Louisiana. CMS is working closely with the state of Louisiana to put these flexibilities in place to ensure those affected by this natural disaster have access to the care they need – when they need it most.

\*September 12- [Biden-Harris Administration Issues Proposed Rule to Expand Access to Life-Saving Organs for People with HIV](#). *Proposal to Remove Clinical Research Requirements for Transplantation of Kidneys and Livers from Donors with HIV*. Today, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announce a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to amend the regulations implementing the National Organ Transplant Act of 1984.

\*September 12- [HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra Declares Public Health Emergency for Louisiana Due to Hurricane Francine](#). *Federal health care personnel, resources at-the-ready to support impact areas*. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra has declared a [Public Health Emergency \(PHEs\) for Louisiana](#) to address the health impacts of Hurricane Francine. The declaration follows President Biden's [emergency declaration for Louisiana](#) and gives the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), health care providers, and suppliers greater flexibility in meeting emergency health needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

\*September 13- [VAWA 30th Anniversary Brief: HHS Key Actions to End Gender-based Violence](#). Over the past four decades, federal legislation has brought relief to survivors of gender-based violence and made tremendous strides towards prevention. With the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) authorized by Congress in 1984 and then-Senator Joe Biden leading the passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in 1994, a new era in the

nation's response to gender-based violence began to emerge. Over time, VAWA evolved to meet new and ongoing needs of survivors, their families, and communities.

\*September 13- [Statement by Secretary Xavier Becerra on National Hispanic Heritage Month](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra issued the following statement to mark the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which begins this Sunday, September 15.

\*September 17- [HHS Announces 2024 LEAP in Health IT Awardees Focused on Data Quality for Responsible AI and Accelerating Adoption of Behavioral Health IT](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy and Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ASTP), today announced two awards totaling \$2 million under the [Leading Edge Acceleration Projects in Health Information Technology](#) (LEAP in Health IT) funding opportunity. LEAP in Health IT awardees seek to create methods and tools to improve care delivery, advance research capabilities, and address emerging challenges related to interoperable health IT.

\*September 17- [Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \\$100 Million to Grow the Health Workforce](#). *Funding will expand the number of nurses and primary care physicians, promote behavioral health integration into pediatric care, and support behavioral health needs of children in families impacted by the opioid crisis.* Today, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announced nearly \$100 million in awards to grow, support, and strengthen the health workforce and improve access to quality care in high-need areas across the country. The announcement was made in conjunction with an HHS Health Workforce Roundtable convened as part of HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra's [Health Workforce Initiative](#).

\*September 17- [HHS Releases Progress Report on Federal Implementation of the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers](#). Today the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through its Administration for Community Living (ACL), delivered to Congress [a progress report on federal implementation](#) of the 2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers. The strategy presents a vision, establishes goals, and provides recommendations for ensuring that family caregivers have the support and resources they need. The strategy also includes commitments from 15 federal agencies to nearly 350 actions to implement these recommendations. Today, nearly all these actions have been completed or are in progress, and federal agencies have committed to almost 40 new actions since the strategy's release.

\*September 19- [Biden-Harris Administration Announces Historic Investment to Integrate Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment into Primary Care](#). *\$240 million in funding will launch and expand behavioral health care services in 400 Community Health Centers that provide primary care to more than 10 million patients – advancing President Biden's Unity Agenda. The Administration has called on Congress to make behavioral health a required service in all health centers.* Today, the Health Resources and Services Administration

(HRSA), an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announced \$240 million in awards to launch and expand mental health and substance use disorder services in more than 400 community health centers across the country that care for more than 10 million people.

\*September 19- [IHS Awards Nearly \\$1.2 Million Addressing Alzheimer's Disease during World Alzheimer's Month](#). The Indian Health Service is announcing the award of an additional \$1.19 million through six cooperative agreements to enhance tribal and urban Indian health system local capacity to provide dementia care and services. The total commitment for the new three-year awards is nearly \$3.6 million. This new round of funding builds on early work and lessons learned from awards offered in 2022 and 2023, with an eye for creating sustainable and replicable models of dementia care.

## Blog

\*September 17- [ORI is Updating its Policies on Research Integrity to Meet the Demands of the Modern Research Environment](#). By: [Sheila Garrity J.D. M.P.H. M.B.A](#), Director of the Office of Research Integrity, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services. Summary: ORI Releases the 2024 Public Health Service Policies on Research Misconduct. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is Updating its Policies on Research Integrity to Meet the Demands of the Modern Research Environment. The Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has issued the [2024 Final Rule](#) to update the 2005 Public Health Service (PHS) Policies on Research Misconduct. The 2024 updates to the Final Rule establish requirements for addressing research misconduct in PHS-funded research. In addition, it clarifies ORI's regulatory oversight responsibilities and outlines the role of PHS-funded organizations in institutionalizing research integrity.

\*September 19- [Get your flu shot this fall at no cost](#). It's important to get the flu shot each year to protect you and your family from this potentially serious disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone 6 months and older get a flu shot by the end of October.

\*September 19- [Change Story: Rear Admiral Denise Hinton](#). By: [Denise Hinton](#), Deputy U.S. Surgeon General. Summary: RADM Denise Hinton draws on her military roots to lead with service and commitment, driving DEIA efforts and diversifying the U.S. Public Health Service. A Message from the Deputy U.S. Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service.