



## CMS Snapshot

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#### News Releases

\*August 3- [New HHS Report Shows National Uninsured Rate Reached All-Time Low in 2023 After Record-Breaking ACA Enrollment Period](#). *Secretary Becerra: Biden-Harris Administration Efforts to Expand Coverage, Lower Costs through Inflation Reduction Act, American Rescue Plan, and Other Actions Are Working.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a [new report](#) showing that the national uninsured rate reached an all-time low of 7.7 percent in early 2023. Approximately 6.3 million people have now gained coverage since 2020, coinciding with the beginning of the Biden-Harris Administration in January 2021. This is the first report on the uninsured rate since the historic ACA Open Enrollment period that ended this past January. The success of that enrollment period, during which a record-breaking 16 million Americans enrolled in coverage through HealthCare.gov or state websites, helped the nation's uninsured rate reach a historic low, breaking last year's record.

\*August 7- [Readout of HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra's Visit to Seattle to Host APEC's High-Level Meeting on Health and the Economy \(SOM3 2023\)](#). On Sunday, August 6, 2023, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra hosted his global health counterparts from around the world for the High-Level Meeting on Health and the Economy (HLMHE) at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Senior Officials' and Ministerial Meetings (SOM 3) in Seattle, Washington.

\*August 8- [HHS Office for Civil Rights Secures Agreement with Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Advance the Rights of People in Recovery and Involved in Child Welfare Services](#). *Action resolves complaint that a Pennsylvania County Children and Youth Services denied an individual the opportunity to apply to be a foster parent based on her treatment of a substance use disorder, protected under disability law.* The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has entered into a voluntary resolution agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through its Department of Human Services (PA DHS), protecting the rights of persons with disabilities, including persons in recovery from substance use disorder, based on Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and Title II of

the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Section 504 covers programs and activities that are conducted by HHS or receiving Federal financial assistance from HHS and protects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of benefits and services. Title II of the ADA applies to the services, programs, and activities of all state and local governments, including child welfare agencies and court systems.

\*August 9- [Biden-Harris Administration Launches National Dashboard to Track Heat-Related Illness](#). *New tool will help target heat-related health resources and prioritize life-saving interventions for communities most impacted by extreme heat.* Today the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE), in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), launched a first-of-its-kind online information portal called the Heat-Related Illness EMS Activation Surveillance Dashboard (“EMS HeatTracker”), which maps emergency medical services responses to heat-related illness across the country. The tracker will help public health officials ensure that outreach and medical aid reach the people who need it most and help decision-makers prioritize community resilience investments.

\*August 9- [HHS Awards \\$30 Million to Expand Developmental Screening for Children through Community Health Centers](#). *Critical funding to sustain health centers into the future expires at the end of September.* Today, to help mark National Health Center Week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded \$30 million to 151 HRSA-funded health centers to improve developmental outcomes among children ages 0-5 through increased screenings and follow-up services. Today’s announcement is part of the Biden-Harris Administration’s commitment to high-quality care early in childhood and ensuring that young children have the strongest possible start.

\*August 10- [The Biden-Harris Administration Announces \\$100 Million to Grow the Nursing Workforce](#). Today, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, announced awards of more than \$100 million to train more nurses and grow the nursing workforce. These investments will address the increasing demand for registered nurses, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and nurse faculty.

## Blogs

\*August 4- [Our back-to-school checklist has to include vaccine conversations](#). *By: Rachel Levine M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH).* I’ve always loved the back-to-school season. It’s full of excitement, whether about a new lunchbox, a fresh supply of crayons, or the mandatory “first day of school” picture. It’s also full of promise – a new grade, new things to learn, and seeing school friends again. But that excitement and promise relies on a healthy child, a healthy classroom, and a healthy community. That’s why, as a doctor, I remind parents that being up to date on vaccines needs to be part of their to-do list.

\*August 10- [Report life changes to the Marketplace](#). When life changes, your health coverage and saving options may change too. If you've had a change, like you got married or moved to a new address, let the Marketplace know.