



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*June 30- [South Dakota Expands Medicaid Bringing Health Coverage to More than 52,000 State Residents](#). *The Biden-Harris Administration encourages newly eligible South Dakotans to apply for coverage.* Thanks to South Dakota's historic expansion of Medicaid today under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), announced that more than 52,000 South Dakotans – including many members of South Dakota Tribes – are eligible for comprehensive health care coverage.

*June 30- [CMS Roundup \(June 30, 2023\)](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing an at-a-glance summary of news from around the agency.

*June 30- [CMS Releases Revised Guidance for Historic Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program](#). *For the first time, Medicare will negotiate prices directly with drug companies on behalf of people with Medicare, improving affordability for some of the costliest prescription drugs.* For the first time in history, Medicare has the ability to directly negotiate the prices of covered prescription drugs due to President Biden's historic prescription drug law, the Inflation Reduction Act. Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released revised guidance detailing the requirements and parameters of the new Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program for the first round of negotiations, which will occur during 2023 and 2024 and result in prices that will be effective beginning in 2026.

*June 30- [HHS Announces Actions to Lower Health Care Costs and Allow Medicare to Negotiate Lower Drug Prices](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced actions to lower health care costs and implement President Biden's lower cost prescription drug law – the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) – which is already saving covered seniors and people with disabilities hundreds of dollars annually.

*July 6- [New HHS Initiative Aims to Strengthen Nation's Health Workforce](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra highlighted the

recently launched HHS Health Workforce Initiative during an event at Lincoln-West School of Science and Health, a public high school in Cleveland, Ohio, which prepares students for college and careers in health care.

Fact Sheet

*June 30- [Calendar Year \(CY\) 2024 Home Health Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule \(CMS-1780-P\)](#). On June 30, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the calendar year (CY) 2024 Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) Rate Update proposed rule, which would update Medicare payment policies and rates for Home Health Agencies (HHAs). This rule proposes a permanent, prospective adjustment to the CY 2024 home health payment rate to account for the impact of the implementation of the Patient-Driven Groupings Model (PDGM).

Blog

*June 29- [10 covered Marketplace health benefits](#). All private health insurance plans offered in the Health Insurance Marketplace® must cover the same essential health benefits. Care in these 10 categories of services is covered by all Marketplace plans.