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News Releases

*April 7- [HHS Provides SAMHSA Emergency Response Grant to Pennsylvania to Support Community Wellness, Resilience Following Recent East Palestine Train Derailment, Chemical Spill](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is providing funding through a SAMHSA Emergency Response Grant (SERG) to the state of Pennsylvania to support community wellness and resilience, following the Norfolk Southern freight train derailment and related chemical spill that occurred in February in East Palestine, Ohio. East Palestine is on Ohio's border with Pennsylvania.

*April 7- [HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra Statement on Court Rulings on Mifepristone](#). Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra released the following statement on the Texas district court's decision in Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA.

*April 10- [CMS Proposes Policies to Improve Patient Safety and Promote Health Equity. Proposed Rule Would Reward Hospitals that Deliver High-Quality Care to Underserved Populations](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule for inpatient and long-term care hospitals that builds on the Biden-Harris Administration's key priorities to advance health equity and support underserved communities. As required by statute, the fiscal year (FY) 2024 inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS) and long-term care hospital prospective payment system (LTCH PPS) rule updates Medicare payments and policies for hospitals.

*April 11- [HHS Proposes New Rule to Further Implement the 21st Century Cures Act. ONC Seeks Public Comment by June 20, 2023](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) today released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for public comment on proposals to implement certain provisions of the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act) and make several enhancements to the

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ONC Health IT Certification Program (Certification Program) to advance interoperability, improve transparency, and support the access, exchange, and use of electronic health information.

*April 11- [HHS Office for Civil Rights Announces the Expiration of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency HIPAA Notifications of Enforcement Discretion](#). *Notifications of Enforcement Discretion expire at 11:59 pm on May 11, 2023.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announces that the Notifications of Enforcement Discretion issued under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act during the COVID-19 public health emergency will expire at 11:59 pm on May 11, 2023, due to the expiration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

*April 12- [HHS Proposes Measures to Bolster Patient-Provider Confidentiality Around Reproductive Health Care](#). *The Department's Office for Civil Rights seeks to strengthen HIPAA privacy rule.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), through its Office for Civil Rights, issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to strengthen Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule protections by prohibiting the use or disclosure of protected health information (PHI) to investigate, or prosecute patients, providers, and others involved in the provision of legal reproductive health care, including abortion care. HHS has heard from patients, providers, and organizations representing thousands of individuals that this change is needed to protect patient-provider confidentiality and prevent private medical records from being used against people for merely seeking, obtaining, providing, or facilitating lawful reproductive health care.

*April 12- [HHS' Administration for Children and Families Awards More Than \\$375 Million to Reduce Poverty, Increasing Anti-Poverty Funding Through CSBG to \\$750 Million in FY23](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), announced the release of \$375 million in Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding to help reduce poverty through community-based programming. This funding is the third installment of CSBG funding for states, territories, and tribes in FY23 to support services that alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty and brings the total CSBG funding released this fiscal year to more than \$750 million.

Fact Sheet

*April 10- [FY 2024 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System \(IPPS\) and Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System \(LTCH PPS\) Proposed Rule - CMS-1785-P](#). On April 10, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Medicare hospital inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS) and long-term care hospital prospective payment system (LTCH PPS) proposed rule. The proposed rule would update

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Medicare fee-for-service payment rates and policies for inpatient hospitals and LTCHs for fiscal year (FY) 2024. CMS is publishing this proposed rule to meet the legal requirements to update Medicare payment policies for IPPS hospitals and LTCHs on an annual basis. This fact sheet discusses major provisions of the proposed rule, which can be downloaded from the Federal Register at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-07389/medicare-program-proposed-hospital-inpatient-prospective-payment-systems-for-acute-care-hospitals>.

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