



## CMS Snapshot

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### News Releases

\*June 1- [Statements by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and HHS Principals on Pride Month](#). *HHS raised the Progress Pride Flag outside its headquarters building today to commemorate Pride Month.* Today, after raising the Progress Pride Flag outside of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) headquarters building, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and other HHS leaders from across the Department released the following statements to celebrate Pride Month:

\*June 2- [CMS NEWS ROUNDUP \(June 2, 2023\)](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing an at-a-glance summary of news from around the agency.

\*June 2- [HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra Declares Public Health Emergency for Guam in Response to Typhoon Mawar](#). *Personnel and resources deployed to support the response.* U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra today declared a Public Health Emergency (PHE) for Guam to address the health impacts of Typhoon Mawar. The declaration follows President Biden's [emergency declaration](#) and gives the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) health care providers and suppliers greater flexibility in meeting the emergency health needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

\*June 2- [CMS Announces Resources and Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in the Territory of Guam Due to Recent Typhoon](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced today additional resources and flexibilities available in response to the recent typhoon in Guam. CMS is working closely with the Territory of Guam 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.

\*June 2- [In Newly Released Audit Report, HHS Announces New Accountability Team, Additional Efforts to Protect the Safety and Well-being of Unaccompanied Children](#). *Team Will Be Responsible for Assessing and Addressing Potential Child Exploitation Risks. Audit Found HHS Adhered to Program Policies and Procedures Designed to Meet or Exceed Statutory*

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*Requirements When Placing Unaccompanied Children with Vetted Sponsors.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), released the [results of an internal audit - PDF](#) of its Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) sponsor vetting and placement processes for unaccompanied children. The audit found that ORR adhered to its program policies and procedures designed to meet or exceed statutory requirements in the placement of unaccompanied children with a vetted sponsor.

\*June 5- [HHS Office for Civil Rights Reaches Agreement with Health Care Provider in New Jersey That Disclosed Patient Information in Response to Negative Online Reviews.](#) *New Jersey psychiatry practice pays \$30,000 to settle complaint about impermissible disclosure of protected health information by disclosing this information in online review.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announces a settlement with Manasa Health Center, LLC, a health care provider in New Jersey that provides adult and child psychiatric services. The settlement resolves a complaint received by OCR in April 2020, alleging that Manasa Health Center impermissibly disclosed the protected health information of a patient when the entity posted a response to the patient's negative online review.

\*June 6- [HHS Publishes National Model Standards for Substance Use, Mental Health, and Family Peer Worker Certifications.](#) *Peer Workforce Integration is a Primary Goal of President Biden's National Mental Health Strategy.* The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), today published [National Model Standards for Peer Support Certification - PDF](#) for substance use, mental health, and family peer workers. The national model standards were created to accelerate universal adoption, recognition, and integration of the peer workforce across all elements of the healthcare system. A peer worker is someone who, through their own lived experience of addressing a substance use or mental health issue, works to help others.

\*June 7- [Secretary Xavier Becerra Statement on 58th Anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut.](#) *Nearly one year after the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, Biden-Harris Administration is firmly committed to protecting access to contraception.* Today, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra released the following statement on the 58th anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Griswold v. Connecticut* decision, a major decision that was foundational to establishing the constitutional right to contraception.

\*June 8- [CMS Announces Multi-State Initiative to Strengthen Primary Care.](#) *New Model Aims to Enhance Access and Quality of Primary Care, Improve Health System.* Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a new primary care model – the Making Care Primary (MCP) Model – that will be tested under the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation in eight states. Access to high-quality primary care is associated with better health outcomes and equity for people and communities.

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