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News Releases

*February 17- [Fact v. Fiction: Biden-Harris Administration is Strengthening Medicare; Private Industry Must Share Obligation to Deliver Quality Health Care for America's Seniors](#). The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to protecting and strengthening Medicare and holding health care companies accountable to delivering quality health care for all seniors. While Congressional Republicans support measures to put Medicare on the chopping block and roll back increased benefits offered to seniors and people with disabilities through the Inflation Reduction Act, the Administration's commitment to the 65 million Americans with Medicare, and all the beneficiaries in the future, is unwavering.

*February 17- [HHS Office for Civil Rights Delivers Annual Reports to Congress on HIPAA Compliance and Breaches of Unsecured Protected Health Information](#). *Reports highlight for regulated entities where to focus HIPAA compliance efforts.* To help regulated entities better comply with the requirements of the HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules, the HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is sharing two Reports to Congress for 2021, on *HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rule Compliance* and *Breaches of Unsecured Protected Health Information*. These reports, delivered to Congress today, may benefit regulated entities to assist in their HIPAA compliance efforts. The reports also share steps taken by OCR to investigate complaints, breach reports, and compliance reviews regarding potential violations of the HIPAA Rules. The reports include important data on the numbers of HIPAA cases investigated, areas of noncompliance, and insights into trends such as cybersecurity readiness.

*February 22- [CMS STATEMENT: Response to Alzheimer's Association's Request to Reconsider the Final National Coverage Determination](#). *Monoclonal Antibodies Directed Against Amyloid for the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease.* Alzheimer's disease is a devastating illness that affects millions of Americans and their families. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to helping people get timely access to treatments and improving care for people with Alzheimer's disease and their families.

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Blog

*February 22- [HHS Open Data and InnovationX for Impact at the 2023 Health Datapalooza](#).

By: [Kathleen Carroll](#), U.S. Digital Corps Fellow, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, [Trey Gordner](#), U.S. Digital Corps Fellow, Office of the Chief Data Officer (OCDO), HHS and [Kristen Honey, PhD, PMP](#), Chief Data Scientist, Executive Director of InnovationX, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) . The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) continues to drive open data and galvanize digital innovation with its substantial participation and thought leadership in the [2023 Health Datapalooza](#) . The Health Datapalooza is an eclectic conference of health technology enthusiasts, this year in Arlington, VA on February 23-24, 2023. Each year, the Health Datapalooza galvanizes a diverse community of unusual allies who are transforming data into insights and action to improve health care delivery. It attracts data scientists, entrepreneurs, policy wonks, medical practitioners, patients, advocates, and hopefully you—all welcome!

*February 23- [Health insurance and taxes](#). If you had Marketplace coverage at any point in 2022, or got premium tax credits last year, here's what you need to know about filing your federal taxes.

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