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News Releases

*April 21- [HHS Bolsters Support and Resources for Health Sector Resilience and Emissions Reduction](#). *Earth Day announcements include additional signees of the White House-HHS Health Sector Climate Pledge and new resources like a “Quickfinder” on Inflation Reduction Act opportunities for health sector investments in sustainability.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE) is releasing new tools to accelerate health sector action to protect people living in the U.S. from the growing health threat of climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and strengthening climate resiliency.

*April 21- [CMS Roundup \(Apr. 21, 2023\)](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing an at-a-glance summary of news from around the agency.

*April 21- [HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra Issues Statement on Supreme Court Issuing Stay in Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA](#). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra released the following statement after the Supreme Court issued a stay temporarily pausing lower court rulings in *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA* from going into effect.

*April 24- [HHS Releases Proposal to Expand Health Care for DACA Recipients](#). *DACA recipients would have access to health care through Affordable Care Act Marketplaces, Medicaid, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program.* WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), today released a [notice of proposed rulemaking \(NPRM\)](#) that, if finalized, would expand access to health care by reducing barriers for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients. Earlier this month, HHS announced its intention to release this rule by the end of April, and today’s announcement marks the fulfillment of that promise.

*April 24- [During National Minority Health Month, HHS Organizes First-Ever Nationwide Vaccination Day Event to Bring Health-Related Resources to Black Communities](#). *Events were*

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held in 21 cities. This past Saturday, April 22, 2023, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)'s [We Can Do This](#) COVID-19 Public Education Campaign (PEC) partnered with the Stay Well Community Health Initiative, an organization designed to bring health-related resources to Black communities, to run the first-ever Nationwide Vaccination Day. Events were held in 21 cities across the country as part of the ongoing effort to improve vaccination rates in Black communities where barriers to health care still exist.

*April 25- [New HHS Analysis: Congressional Republicans' Medicaid Red Tape Would Jeopardize Health Coverage and Access to Care for 21 Million Americans If Implemented](#). *Studies show work reporting requirements reduce enrollment, limit access to care, but don't increase employment.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released new analysis showing that approximately 21 million Americans' health coverage and access to care would be jeopardized if the draconian Medicaid work reporting requirements proposed by Congressional Republicans were implemented. The information, based on data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), estimates the harmful effects on all states that have expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

*April 25- [Statement from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on Missouri's Emergency Regulation Restricting Access to Gender-Affirming Care](#). "At a time when our communities are facing true threats to their health and well-being – in the form of natural disasters, gun violence, and simply putting food on the table – some states and their elected officials have chosen to not focus on these issues but rather on a crisis of their own manufacturing."

*April 26- [HHS Announces \\$2.5 Million for Produce Prescription Programs in Indian Country](#). *The program, part of the Biden-Harris Administration's Nutrition Strategy, will help reduce food insecurity and improve health care outcomes among American Indian and Alaska Native people.* The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through the Indian Health Service agency, is announcing the [availability of \\$2.5 million in funding](#) to support the development of produce prescription programs in Native communities. Produce prescription programs help individuals and families who are experiencing food insecurity and/or diet-related health problems more easily obtain fresh fruits and vegetables by receiving a prescription from a health care provider. Launching these programs in Native communities will support the Administration's efforts to reduce food insecurity and improve their health outcomes among American Indian and Alaska Native people by increasing their access to fresh produce and other healthy traditional foods.

*April 26- [Readout of HHS Secretary Becerra's Roundtable Meeting with Organizations Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking](#). *Secretary Becerra Reiterated the Biden-Harris Administration's Commitment to Center the Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking.* On Wednesday, April 26th, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra participated in a roundtable discussion with organizations working with HHS' new Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services (OFVPS) and the Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) to support survivors of domestic violence in local

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communities. At the meeting, Secretary Becerra was joined by Rosie Hidalgo from the White House Gender Policy Council, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Assistant Secretary January Contreras, Director of the Office on Trafficking in Person (OTIP) Katherine Chon, and Director of the Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services (OFVPS) Shawndell Dawson.

*April 27- [HHS Awards \\$147 Million to Support Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States](#).

Today, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), awarded more than \$147 million to 49 recipients to advance the [Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. \(EHE\)](#) initiative, which is part of the Biden-Harris Administration's ongoing efforts to reduce the number of new HIV infections in the United States by at least 90 percent by 2030. This funding will help states and metropolitan areas with the highest levels of HIV transmission link people with HIV to essential care, support, and treatment, as well as support training and other resources for these jurisdictions.

Fact Sheets

*April 24- [Health and Human Services \(HHS\) Proposed Rule Clarifying Eligibility for a Qualified Health Plan through a Marketplace, Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit, Cost-sharing Reductions, a Basic Health Program, and Some Medicaid and Children's Health In](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that proposes to modify the definition of "lawfully present" applicable to eligibility for enrollment in a qualified health plan (QHP) through a Marketplace, a Basic Health Program (BHP), and some Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIPs) to no longer exclude Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients from that definition.

*April 26- [Hospital Price Transparency Enforcement Updates](#). CMS is committed to ensuring that consumers have the information they need to make fully informed decisions regarding their health care. CMS expects hospitals to comply with hospital price transparency requirements and is enforcing these rules to ensure that people are easily able to learn what a hospital charges for items and services. This fact sheet outlines process updates CMS is making to increase compliance with the hospital price transparency requirements.

Blog

*April 25- [Celebrating Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Bill Hall](#). By: [Kamara Jones](#), Acting Assistant Secretary for the Public Affairs. Summary: After 43 years of federal service, HHS communicator Bill Hall is retiring. After 43 years at HHS, half spent at NIH and half spent at the Department, our Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Bill Hall, is retiring.

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