



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*November 8- [HHS Announces 200 Hospitals Participating in New Maternal and Infant Care Collaborative](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office on Women's Health announced the 200+ hospitals that are participating in the HHS Perinatal Improvement Collaborative, a contract with Premier, Inc. This new network is focused on improving maternal and infant health outcomes by reducing disparities. Comprised of hospitals from all 50 states, the collaborative is the first to evaluate how pregnancy affects overall population health by linking inpatient data of newborns to their mothers.

*November 9- [As Vaccinations are Approved for Children Across the Country, U.S. Surgeon General Releases New Community Toolkit for Addressing Health Misinformation](#). As a new phase of the COVID-19 vaccination campaign begins for children ages 5 to 11 years old, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy releases a [Community Toolkit for Addressing Health Misinformation - PDF](#) to help Americans navigate the serious threat of health misinformation, especially online. Earlier this year, [Dr. Murthy issued the first Surgeon General's Advisory](#) of this administration warning people about the urgent threat of health misinformation and calling for a whole-of-society approach to address it.

*November 10- [Biden Administration to Invest \\$650 Million in Rapid Diagnostic Testing in Latest Action to Increase Access to Tests](#). As part of the Biden-Harris Administration's ongoing commitment to increasing access to COVID-19 testing for Americans and to further strengthen domestic manufacturing of needed tests, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will invest \$650 million from the American Rescue Plan to strengthen manufacturing capacity for quick, high-quality diagnostic testing through rapid point-of-care molecular tests and increase Americans' access to them.

*November 10- [HHS Announces \\$143.5 Million to Expand Community-Based Efforts to Address Barriers to COVID-19 Vaccination](#). The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), today announced \$143.5

million in American Rescue Plan funding to expand community-based efforts to conduct tailored local outreach about vaccines, build vaccine confidence and address barriers to vaccination in their communities.

*November 10- [Biden-Harris Administration Extends Millions in Funding to Minnesota for MinnesotaCare, its Basic Health Program, Key Connection to Coverage Supported by American Rescue Plan](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing approximately \$100 million in additional funding in 2022 to support MinnesotaCare, Minnesota's Basic Health Program (BHP), as well as added funds for 2020 and 2021. The additional funds, made available through the American Rescue Plan, increase Minnesota's ability to provide affordable, quality health care coverage to approximately 100,000 individuals.

*November 10- [Biden-Harris Administration Extends Hundreds of Millions of Dollars to New York's Essential Plan, its Basic Health Program, Key Connection to Coverage Supported by American Rescue Plan](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing approximately \$750 million in additional funding in 2022 to support the Essential Plan, New York's Basic Health Program (BHP), as well as added funds for 2020 and 2021. The additional funds, made available through the American Rescue Plan, increase New York's ability to provide health care coverage to approximately 1 million individuals.

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