



## **CMS Snapshot**

### **August 19-26, 2021**

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#### **News Releases**

\*August 24- [CMS Expands Medicare Payments for At-Home COVID-19 Vaccinations](#). As part of the Biden-Harris Administration's ongoing commitment to increasing access to vaccinations and improving health equity, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is expanding opportunities for people to receive COVID-19 vaccinations in their home.

\*August 25- [Affordable Care Act's Shared Savings Program Continues to Improve Quality of Care While Saving Medicare Money During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced today that Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) participating in the Medicare Shared Savings Program (Shared Savings Program) in 2020 earned performance payments (shared savings) totaling nearly \$2.3 billion while saving Medicare approximately \$1.9 billion, marking the fourth consecutive year of net savings for Medicare.

\*August 25- [Statements by HHS Secretary Becerra, Dr. Levine, CMS Administrator Brooks-LaSure Celebrating Women's Equality Day on August 26, 2021](#). The U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra, Assistant Secretary for Health Dr. Rachel Levine, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure issued the following statements to celebrate Women's Equality Day and recommit to advancing women's health.

\*August 26- [HHS Expands Advisory Group to Find Inventive Approaches to Counter Rising Tick-Borne Illnesses](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the appointment of new members to fill vacant positions on the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group (Working Group). These new members include seven Public Members/Special Government Employees (SGEs).

## Blog

\*August 26- [When can I enroll in 2022 Marketplace insurance?](#) Open Enrollment for 2022 health coverage is almost here! Here are some important dates to mark on your calendar:

*CMS has developed a [Virtual Toolkit](#) to help you stay informed on CMS and HHS materials available on the COVID-19. Please share these materials, bookmark the page, and check back often for the most up-to-date information. For more information, please email [partnership@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:partnership@cms.hhs.gov)*