



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*February 11- [Biden Administration purchases additional doses of COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Department of Defense (DOD) have purchased an additional 100 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines from both Pfizer Inc. and Moderna Inc. to help meet demand for COVID-19 vaccines in the United States.

*February 12- [2021 Special Enrollment Period for Marketplace Coverage Starts on HealthCare.gov Monday, February 15](#). Today, in accordance with the [Executive Order](#) signed by President Biden, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing that the Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for the Health Insurance Marketplace® will officially be available to consumers in the 36 states that use the HealthCare.gov platform on Monday, February 15, and will continue through Saturday, May 15. At least 13 States plus the District of Columbia, which operate their own Marketplace platforms, have decided to offer a similar opportunity.

*February 12- [El Período de Inscripción Especial para la Cobertura del Mercado de Seguros Médicos Comienza en HealthCare.gov y CuidadoDeSalud.gov el Lunes 15 de Febrero](#). Hoy, de acuerdo con la [Orden Ejecutiva](#), firmada por el Presidente Biden, los Centros de Servicios de Medicare y Medicaid (los CMS por sus siglas en inglés) anuncian que el Período de Inscripción Especial (SEP por sus siglas en inglés) para el Mercado de Seguros Médicos estará oficialmente disponible para los consumidores en los 36 estados que utilizan la plataformas HealthCare.gov o CuidadoDeSalud.gov el lunes 15 de febrero y continuará hasta el sábado 15 de mayo. Unos 13 estados más y el Distrito de Columbia, que operan sus propias plataformas de Mercado de seguros, han decidido ofrecer una oportunidad similar.

*February 16- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Announces Biden-Harris Administration Staff Appointments](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced Biden-Harris Administration appointments. The appointments represent both an

experienced and diverse team committed to President Biden's mission to end the COVID-19 pandemic, expand affordable health care and reduce costs, and advance equity.

*February 17- [Biden Administration Announces Actions to Expand COVID-19 Testing](#). As part of President Biden's [National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness - PDF](#), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing new actions to expand COVID-19 testing capacity across the country. These actions will improve the availability of tests, including for schools and underserved populations; increase domestic manufacturing of tests and testing supplies; and better prepare the nation for the threat of variants by rapidly increasing virus genome sequencing.

Blogs

*February 12- [Learn how to become an organ donor & save lives](#). Each day, 20 people die while waiting for an organ transplant. With National Donor Day around the corner, keep in mind that just one person can save up to 8 lives through organ and tissue donation.

*February 12- [It's tax season: Have Form 1095-A?](#) If anyone in your household had a Marketplace plan in 2020, you should have received Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace® Statement, by mail from the Marketplace (not the IRS). After confirming that it's accurate, be sure to store it with important tax information, like W-2 forms and other records, so that you can easily find it when you're ready to file.

*February 17- [Upholding Research Integrity at HHS](#). The mission of the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health's Office of Research Integrity (ORI) is to promote research integrity, prevent research misconduct, and protect science, public health, and Public Health Service (PHS) funds. ORI works to prevent research misconduct in and promote the integrity of PHS-funded research through: (i) oversight review of research misconduct investigations conducted at PHS-funded research institutions, and (ii) outreach activities that support these institutions in their efforts to foster research integrity and the responsible conduct of research.

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