



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*June 1- [Trump Administration Unveils Enhanced Enforcement Actions Based on Nursing Home COVID-19 Data and Inspection Results](#). Today, under the leadership of President Trump, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) unveiled enhanced enforcement for nursing homes with violations of longstanding infection control practices. This announcement builds on the previous actions CMS has taken to ensure the safety and security of America's nursing homes as the nation battles coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and is a key step in the Trump Administration's Guidelines for Opening Up America Again.

*June 1- [HHS Adds \\$628 Million to Contract with Emergent BioSolutions to Secure CDMO Manufacturing Capacity for Operation Warp Speed](#). As part of the Trump Administration's Operation Warp Speed, on Monday, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced a task order with Emergent BioSolutions to advance manufacturing capabilities and capacity for a potential COVID-19 vaccine as well as therapeutics. The task order is worth approximately \$628 million and falls under an existing contract with the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), part of HHS's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.

*June 2- [HHS Awards \\$20.3 Million to Expand the Addiction Workforce in Underserved Communities](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded \$20.3 million to 44 recipients to increase the number of fellows at accredited addiction medicine and addiction psychiatry fellowship programs. The awardees will train addiction specialists at facilities in high need communities that integrate behavioral and primary care services.

*June 2- [HHS Provides an Additional \\$250 Million to Help U.S. Health Care Systems Respond to COVID-19](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response ([HHS ASPR](#)) is providing an additional \$250 million to aid U.S. health care systems treating patients and responding to the [COVID-19](#) pandemic. As authorized

by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, HHS has now provided a total of \$350 million to health care systems for pandemic response, including [\\$100 million](#) released in April 2020.

*June 4- [Nursing Home COVID-19 Data and Inspections Results Available on Nursing Home Compare](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is posting the first set of underlying coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) nursing home data. On April 19, 2020, CMS announced the requirement that nursing homes to inform residents, their families, and their representatives of COVID-19 cases in their facilities. In addition to this, nursing homes are required to report COVID-19 cases and deaths directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and today CMS is making this data publicly available.

*June 4- [HHS Announces New Laboratory Data Reporting Guidance for COVID-19 Testing](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced new Guidance that specifies what additional data must be reported to HHS by laboratories along with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) test results. The Guidance standardizes reporting to ensure that public health officials have access to comprehensive and nearly real-time data to inform decision making in their response to COVID-19. As the country begins to reopen, access to clear and accurate data is essential to communities and leadership for making decisions critical to a phased reopening.

Fact Sheet

*May 29- [CMS Issues Proposed Rule to Amend the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Risk Adjustment Data Validation Program](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule to amend the methodology and other requirements for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' risk adjustment data validation (HHS-RADV) program. HHS-RADV was created to strengthen the integrity of the HHS-operated risk adjustment program by validating the accuracy of data submitted by issuers that is used to calculate the amount of funds transferred among insurers based on the risks of the individuals they enroll.

Blog

*June 4- [Be a "wise guy"— know the importance of health screenings](#). Are you a guy who puts off doing a task and later wishes he'd just done it? Take care of your body. If you're a man with Medicare, ask your doctor if you should get tested for [prostate cancer](#), [colorectal cancer](#), or both. Getting screened is the smart move—screening tests can find cancer early, when treatment works best.

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