



## CMS Snapshot

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#### News Releases

\*April 10- [CMS Proposes New Policies to Support Underserved Communities, Ease Drug Shortages, and Promote Patient Safety](#). *New Mandatory Model Proposed to Improve Health Outcomes Post-Surgery and Advance Climate Resiliency.* Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule updating Medicare payments and policies for inpatient hospitals and long-term care hospitals. The proposed rule takes a variety of approaches to improving the health of people with Medicare by addressing social determinants of health, strengthening emergency preparedness, and improving maternal health. The fiscal year (FY) 2025 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) rule builds on the Biden-Harris Administration's work to support historically underserved and under-resourced communities and promote value-based care.

\*April 12- [CMS Statement on Agent and Broker Marketplace Activity](#). CMS is committed to protecting consumers in the Marketplace. CMS has received reports of consumers in HealthCare.gov states whose coverage was switched by agents and brokers without their knowledge. In response, CMS is taking swift actions to protect consumers from unauthorized activity by agents and brokers, and to root out bad actors who are violating CMS rules.

\*April 12- [Statement from Secretary Xavier Becerra on Dr. Francis Collins](#): True to form, Dr. Francis Collins, Director emeritus of the National Institutes of Health, inaugural director of President Biden's Cancer Moonshot, and a true American treasure in science and the arts, today publicly launched perhaps the most consequential endeavor of his life: his fight against the cancer invading his body.

\*April 12- [Readout of 26th Annual HHS Tribal Budget Consultation](#). *Deputy Secretary Palm Highlighted the Importance of Tribal Self-Determination, Improving Health Coverage, and Addressing Health Disparities.* From April 9-10, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) hosted the 26th annual Tribal Budget Consultation at HHS headquarters in Washington, DC. This forum brought together HHS leaders and financial officers to consult with

Tribal leaders on funding and policy priorities for the HHS FY 2026 budget. During this year's Tribal Budget Consultation and in the days following the forum, HHS leaders, including Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, engaged with Tribal leaders directly on how HHS can best support Tribal communities.

\*April 12- [Statement from HHS Assistant Secretary for Health ADM Rachel Levine for STI Awareness Week—April 14-20, 2024](#). This week marks Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Awareness Week, an opportunity to raise awareness about STIs and how they impact our lives.

\*April 16- [Secretary Becerra Statement on U.S. Global Health Security Strategy](#). The United States must be in position to prevent, detect, and respond to public health crises – including infectious disease threats at home and abroad. The [Global Health Security Strategy](#) does that. This strategy promotes a One Health approach – an approach that is collaborative, multisectoral, and transdisciplinary — and recognizes the interconnection between people, animals, plants, and their shared environment as well as the importance of coordination across government, business, and civil society. We are committed to contributing to the Pandemic Fund, including \$700 million to date, addressing financing gaps and building stronger regional and global institutions that can drive innovation, offering reliable public health guidance, and implementing a rapid response to global health emergencies.

\*April 18- [HHS Leadership Marks One-Year Anniversary of President Biden's Care Executive Order](#). Washington, D.C. - Senior leadership at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the following statements today marking the one-year anniversary of President Biden's Executive Order on [Increasing Access to High-Quality Care and Supporting Caregivers](#).

## Fact Sheets

\*April 10- [FY 2025 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System \(IPPS\) and Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System \(LTCH PPS\) Proposed Rule - CMS-1808-P Fact Sheet](#). On April 10, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Medicare hospital inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS) and long-term care hospital prospective payment system (LTCH PPS) proposed rule.

## Blog

\*April 18- [Preventive services you don't want to skip](#). Put your health first – get free preventive services. Screenings, check-ups, counseling, and keeping a healthy lifestyle can help you avoid more serious illnesses. You and your doctor can decide which services are right for you. Remember that services are free only when delivered by a doctor or other provider in your plan's network.