



## CMS Snapshot

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### News Releases

\*July 8- [Biden-Harris Administration Announces \\$27.5 Million in Funding Opportunities Enhancing Women’s Behavioral Health](#). *Nearly \$1M Awarded for Services Program for Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women.* Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), announced notices of funding opportunities aimed at improving women’s behavioral health across the United States. With a combined total of \$27.5 million, this funding underscores the Administration’s commitment to addressing the unique mental health and substance use treatment needs of women. SAMHSA additionally announced nearly \$1 million in grant awards for two grant recipients as a part of the [Services Program for Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women](#).

\*July 10- [Biden Harris Administration Proposes Policies to Reduce Maternal Mortality, Advance Health Equity, and Support Underserved Communities](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), is proposing new policies that aim to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity, which disproportionately affect underserved communities. In the Calendar Year (CY) 2025 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) proposed rule, CMS is also proposing policies that would increase access to care and advance health equity.

\*July 10- [HHS Proposes Physician Payment Rule to Drive Whole-Person Care and Improve Health Quality for All Individuals with Medicare](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), proposed new policies in the calendar year (CY) 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) proposed rule to advance health equity and support whole-person care. The proposed rule would also strengthen primary care, expand access to behavioral health, oral health, and caregiver training services, maintain telehealth flexibilities, and expand access to screening for colorectal cancer and vaccinations for hepatitis B.

\*July 10- [HHS Proposes HTI-2 Rule to Improve Patient Engagement, Information Sharing, and Public Health Interoperability](#). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), today released the Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Patient Engagement, Information Sharing, and Public Health Interoperability (HTI-2) proposed rule for public comment. The HTI-2 proposed rule reflects ONC's focused efforts to advance interoperability and improve information sharing among patients, providers, payers, and public health authorities.

## Fact Sheets

\*July 10- [Fact Sheet: Calendar Year \(CY\) 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule \(CMS-1807-P\)-Medicare Shared Savings Program Proposals](#). On July 10, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the calendar year (CY) 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) proposed rule (CMS-1807-P) that includes changes to the Shared Savings Program to further advance Medicare's value-based care strategy of growth, alignment, and equity.

\*July 10- [CY 2025 Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System Proposed Rule \(CMS 1809-P\)](#). On July 10, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed Medicare payment rates for hospital outpatient and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) services. The Calendar Year (CY) 2025 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and ASC Payment System Proposed Rule is published annually and will have a 60-day comment period, which will end on September 9, 2024. The final rule will be issued in early November.

\*July 10- [Calendar Year \(CY\) 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule](#). On July 10, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule that announces and solicits public comments on proposed policy changes for Medicare payments under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS), and other Medicare Part B issues, effective on or after January 1, 2025.

## Blogs

\*July 8- [Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience by Clearing the Path for Comprehensive, High-Quality Dementia Care](#). By: Liz Fowler, JD, PhD, Purva Rawal, PhD, Sarah Fogler, PhD, Claire Schreiber, MS, Leah Gutermuth, MPH, Tonya Saffer, MPH, Sarena Ho, MSPH, Kaleigh Ligus, PhD, Charlotte Kaye, MPH, Magdelana Stinnett, MSPH, Lynn Miescier, PhD. Alzheimer's disease and related dementias are devastating conditions for a person and their family and caregivers. The progressive course of dementia can threaten an individual's autonomy, and families can be emotionally, physically, mentally, and financially strained. Often, a family

member finds themselves in a new, unexpected role as a caregiver supporting the person living with dementia.

\*July 10- [Change Story: Xavier Becerra](#). By: [Xavier Becerra](#), Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services. Summary: Secretary Xavier Becerra shares how our DEIA values uphold the HHS legacy and advance our future.

\*July 11- [10 Marketplace health benefits](#). All Marketplace health insurance plans must cover 10 categories of essential health benefits. Essential health benefits are *minimum requirements* for all Marketplace plans. Specific services covered in each category may be different based on your state's requirements.