



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*April 4- [Biden-Harris Administration Finalizes Rule Expanding Access to Care and Increasing Protections for People with Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), is finalizing policies that continue to strengthen enrollee protections and guardrails to ensure Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D (Part D) prescription drug plans best meet the needs of people with Medicare. The Contract Year (CY) 2025 Medicare Advantage and Part D final rule builds on existing CMS policies to promote competition, increase access to care, including important behavioral health services, and protect individuals from inappropriate marketing and prior authorization.

*April 5- [CMS Roundup \(Apr. 5, 2024\)](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provides an at-a-glance summary of news from around the agency.

*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 10- [During Second Chance Month, HRSA Takes Policy Action, Releases First-Ever Funding Opportunity for Health Centers to Support Transitions in Care for People Leaving Incarceration](#). *Latest policy makes clear HRSA-funded Health Centers can provide health care services – including chronic disease, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment – to individuals*

in the 90 days prior to release from incarceration as they get ready and return to the community. New funding opportunity makes \$51 million available to support transitions in care prior to release from incarceration for the first time in the program's history. Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), took new policy action and announced the availability of \$51 million for the first-ever funding opportunity for HRSA-funded health centers to implement innovative approaches to support transitions in care for people leaving incarceration. Aligned with the [White House Second Chance Initiative](#), today's action, for the first time, explicitly supports the provision of health services to individuals during the 90 days prior to their release to help them return to the community by expanding access to primary health care, including mental health and substance use disorder treatment, furthering public health and strengthening public safety.

Fact Sheets

*April 4- [Contract Year 2025 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule \(CMS-4205-F\)](#).

Background- On April 4, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule that revises the Medicare Advantage Program, Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program (Medicare Part D), Medicare Cost Plan Program, Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and Health Information Technology Standards and Implementation Specifications. Additionally, this final rule addresses several key provisions that remain from the CY 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D proposed rule, CMS-4201-P, published on December 14, 2022.

*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 4- [The time to file taxes is almost over. Here's what to know](#). The last day to file your 2023 federal income taxes is April 15, 2024. If anyone in your household had Marketplace coverage in 2023, you'll use [Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace® Statement](#) to file. (If you didn't get Form 1095-A in your [Marketplace account](#) or by mail, or if the information on it is wrong, [contact the Marketplace Call Center](#).)