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Sent: 3/28/2023 4:25:48 PM
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CC: Giles, John (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: RE: WA STATE IS REQUESTING EXPEDITED RESPONSE BY 3/28***Technical Assistance Request-WSHA Safety Net***
Attachments: RE: RE: Technical Assistance-WA-IGT

Thanks, Laura – We'll be looking out for follow ups on this.

Copying the email thread with Edwin for reference.

In this particular instance, they didn't say anything as of yet about which entities will be providing an IGT, but we'll be sure to advise on the upcoming drafts/SDPs. One thing to keep in mind, in particular in Edwin's email, they're talking about possibly shaving off some of the Medicaid SDPs and paying that money to the MCOs as an "assessment" of some kind. (b)(5)

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Cc: Giles, John (CMS/CMCS) <John.Giles1@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: WA STATE IS REQUESTING EXPEDITED RESPONSE BY 3/28***Technical Assistance Request-WSHA Safety Net***
Importance: High

Hi Jonathan and Stuart,

Sorry to ask for a quick turnaround, but WA is asking for some feedback by COB today. As you'll see in the draft below, we don't have any kind of submission in house at this point. All that's been shared with us is a draft bill in the WA legislature for a new series of payments (SDPs and it looks like some FFS payments as well. We are making clear to the state that CMS doesn't comment on draft legislation, but wanted to give them some level of general TA. In that spirit, are you comfortable with the highlighted bullet that calls out the recent guidance you all put out on hold harmless?

Andrew – I added you as you were on the chain at one point from Edwin in DPO; there is definitely IGT funding involved in the legislation. I suspect this will be one that DMCP and FMG will want to discuss more if the legislation/state moves ahead with the proposal.

Thanks,

Laura

From: Snyder, Laura (CMS/CMCS) <Laura.Snyder1@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 4:08 PM

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Subject: RE: WA STATE IS REQUESTING EXPEDITED RESPONSE BY 3/28***Technical Assistance Request-WSHA Safety Net***

Draft to share with Edwin; I still need to check with FMG on the link to their guidance:

Hi Edwin –

DMCP has reviewed the email and documents shared by Washington. We recognize the state requested feedback by COB 3/28. We've prepared a written response to share with the state; can you share this with the state?

"Thank you for your request. CMS does not comment on state legislation; however, CMS is happy to provide technical assistance for the state as it drafts submissions for CMS to review and approve, such as state directed payment preprints. While CMS does not currently have a draft SDP proposal before us, we do offer these general pieces of technical assistance as the state considers a future SDP submission:

- CMS is happy to review early drafts of preprint submissions. We have found this useful for both states and CMS as it generally allows CMS to identify any issues early, which may expedite the formal review processes.
- SDPs are reviewed by a federal review team, of which DMCP is one party. While early technical assistance helps to identify issues early, all preprints must go through a formal review process. Issues may be identified during the formal review process that were not identified during technical assistance.
- We strongly encourage states to submit SDPs at least 90 days in advance of the start of the rating period. Barring any notable policy issues, this timing generally allows for the state and CMS to work through the prior approval process, making it easier for states to appropriately incorporate the SDP into their contracts and rates. The later that states submit SDPs, the more likely that the related contracts and rates may be delayed and additional amendments may be needed. We do note that we cannot accept a preprint after the end of the rating period.
- We would also note that there is increased oversight interest in state directed payments, particularly in the financing of the non-federal share. We would recommend that the state consult with the appropriate FMG SMEs for any changing or new financing related to this SDP. We would also flag the following CIB that was published this past February on the use of provider taxes: <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib021723.pdf>.
- States must provide CMS with an evaluation plan that would evaluate the effectiveness of the SDP on furthering the goal(s) and objective(s) identified in the state's Medicaid managed care quality strategy. CMS has released guidance on what elements states should include in their evaluation plan – including identifying measure(s) such as those from the Medicaid and CHIP core set, as well as identifying baselines and targets to evaluate the relative success of the SDP. If you have questions about this, we are happy to connect you with our DQHO colleagues for more technical assistance.
- State directed payments must be based on the delivery and utilization of services to Medicaid beneficiaries covered under the contract for the applicable rating period. Therefore, state directed payments must be tied to utilization and delivery of services covered under the contract during the corresponding contract rating period; payment cannot be based solely on historical utilization. We note that the documentation provided to us suggests the use of reconciliation processes, where interim payments would be made based on historical utilization and then reconciled to utilization under the contract. While CMS has approved such models in SDPs historically, we did want to note that CMS and states have found such arrangements to be operationally challenging to implement. There often is increased work for states and plans in administering the interim payments and then the reconciliation process. We have also seen a number of states implement such payment arrangements and have to submit additional rate certification amendments and contract amendments in light of reconciliations, which can be administratively burdensome and time consuming for both CMS and states.

For more information, we do recommend that you review our more recent guidance on SDPs: <https://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/Downloads/smd21001.pdf>. If you would like further technical assistance on a draft SDP for submission, please reach out to statedirectedpayment@cms.hhs.gov. We would also like to reiterate that the technical assistance provided above should not be considered CMS signing-off on or commenting on the state's draft legislation.

Thank you"

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Hi John,

Thanks very much John for your guidance. Attached is their draft, I will contact Dr. Fotinos to make them aware CMS does not normally comment directly on a state's proposed legislation; their technical questions are noted below:

Questions/Concerns:

- Washington state is requesting to transition their existing pass-through program to a directed payment to comply with CMS' requirements to sunset the pass throughs.
- The state would like to discuss the expansion of the program, the proposed tiers for payment of assessment and the addition of an intergovernmental transfer program to fund a directed payment and an overall general discussion on permissibility of these items.

Please let me know if I can help out in any other way. I will email Dr. Fotinos in the interim.

Thank you,

Edwin Walaszek

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Edwin – I can discuss with our team on Monday, but many of our folks (including Rebecca) are traveling on Monday. So, reviewing and providing formal feedback by 3/28 will likely not be possible. I can circle with our team on Monday and see if we have any high-level comments, but I can't guarantee what we can provide without additional details from the state. Is the attached document what the state is asking CMS to review? If so, is this draft legislation? CMS does not

normally comment directly on a state's proposed legislation, but we can offer the state technical assistance. Again, I can circle with the team on Monday and see what high-level technical assistance we can provide under the timing being offered by the state. It might be helpful for the state to send over technical questions that our team can review.

I hope this helps!

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Thank you John I appreciate that, I know next week will be difficult because of the meetings in Baltimore, especially since they are requesting a review by 3/28.

I took a look at your schedules for Monday and Rebecca will be OOO.

Do we need to necessarily have a call, or can the review and questions be conducted via email? They want this information Tuesday for their legislature.

Thank you,

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Hi Edwin – thanks! I think we can start with DMCP (please include Rebecca Burch Mack, Laura Snyder, and myself). We will ensure our other team members attend as well. If the state needs to address specific IGT questions, I will note that FMG is best positioned to answer those questions. I will also note that our teams are traveling next week to Baltimore for onsite meetings with MCOG and DEHPG, so I am predicting that scheduling a meeting next week will be difficult, as most of our teams will be in all-day strategic planning meetings on-site.

Thanks for helping us coordinate!

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Hi John,

Thank you I will certainly do that, they emailed both of us. When I emailed Andrew initially about this he indicated FMG would eventually get pulled into the IGT questions, but as far as transitioning the payments, DMCP is a good starting point.

Questions/Concerns:

Washington state is requesting to transition their existing pass-through program to a directed payment to comply with CMS' requirements to sunset the pass throughs.

The state would like to discuss the expansion of the program, the proposed tiers for payment of assessment and the addition of an intergovernmental transfer program to fund a directed payment and an overall general discussion on permissibility of these items.

They are looking for guidance by 3/28/23 the latest.

Should I setup a call with the state and DMCP only, or does FMG need to be on the call for their input. Andrew is out today and if FMG is needed should I contact Rory to see if he can make the call?

Thank you,

Edwin Walaszek

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Hi Edwin – it does seem like emails are crossing between multiple teams. ☺

Perhaps it makes the most sense to allow you to coordinate us in the way that makes the most sense. I am happy to help or participate however I can.

Thank you so much!

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Hi John,

My name is Edwin Walaszek and I am the Washington state lead, I just emailed Laura Snyder and for context I am just forwarding over the states initial request and some background, I know Dr. Fotinos emailed you directly.

Please let me know if I can help in anyway.

Thank you,

Edwin Walaszek

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Hi Edwin,

We've received a separate request today from the state SMD on this topic; we'll follow-up after that meeting about any next steps.

Thanks,
Laura

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Good afternoon Laura,

We emailed a few days back, I work in DPO as the Washington state lead, I emailed you regarding a question that was submitted by Washington state and a bill in their legislature. **Washington state is requesting an expedited review of their concerns by Tuesday March 28th if possible.**

The bill is expected to be introduced in the next couple of days and their legislative partners are anxious to learn more about the permissibility of the program under CMS rules.

There is a link to a recent news article in Washington that provides some background on this topic?

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwibu8-S2-9AhXcMVkFHZwzDROQFnoECAwQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.king5.com%2Farticle%2Fnews%2Fhealth%2Fwsha-hospitals-calling-for-increased-medicaid-payments%2F281-dd424f3a-d9e0-49e6-bf7a-eb70590e0124&usg=AOvVaw2GfMqm1iV0kCroAtAFWktf>

Please let me know how I can help out. I apologize they never indicated this guidance was needed so quickly.

Thank you,

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Cc: Fotinos, Charissa (HCA) <charissa.fotinos@hca.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: Technical Assistance Request

Yes, that article is about this bill.

Tuesday, March 28th would be ideal.

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Cc: Fotinos, Charissa (HCA) <charissa.fotinos@hca.wa.gov>

Subject: RE: Technical Assistance Request

Hello Edwin,

I'm following up on this. Any updates as to when we can expect to be able to have a TA call with CMS? The bill is expected to be introduced in the next couple of days and our legislative partners are anxious to learn more about the permissibility of the program under CMS rules.

Thank you,
Abby

From: Walaszek, Edwin (CMS/CMCS) <Edwin.Walaszek1@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 12:29 PM

To: Cole, Abby (HCA) <abby.cole@hca.wa.gov>

Subject: RE: Technical Assistance Request

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Thanks very much Abby

Thank you,

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Catrina (HCA) <catrina.lucero@hca.wa.gov>

Subject: Technical Assistance Request

Good afternoon Abby and team:

Thank you for submitting this request, I am reaching to out the team to see if they have any preliminary questions and I will follow up with some available time .

Thank you,

Edwin Walaszek

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Subject: Technical Assistance Request

Hello Edwin,

I'm attaching a draft of a proposed bill for a revised hospital assessment in Washington State. I'm hoping you can help me get something scheduled with the right individuals so we can discuss the permissibility of the proposed changes.

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: Technical Assistance-WA-WSHA Safety Net Draft

Hi Edwin,

Thanks for sharing and you've hit the right place. I've included our state directed payment mailbox on the email thread. For SDPs, Tara Caulder is our WA lead. I've also cc'ed John Kivisaari, the DMCO lead for WA, for awareness.

Let us take a look at this and follow-up with you on next steps.

Thanks,
Laura

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Subject: Technical Assistance-WA-WSHA Safety Net Draft

Good afternoon Laura,

My name is Edwin Walaszek and I am the CMS Medicaid Washington state lead. I am reaching out to you as I was referred by Andrew Badaracco, Washington state has submitted a draft bill (attached) that will revise the rating of Washington State Hospitals.

The state is looking to transition their existing pass-through program to a directed payment to comply with CMS' requirements to sunset the pass throughs.

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They are hoping for an overall general discussion on permissibility of those items.

Thank you for any help you can provide, alternatively do you think it would be easier to setup a call with the state to discuss.

Please let me know if there are any other questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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Hey Edwin –

Pass-through payments and state-directed payments are DMCP's policy area. Suggest you reach out to Laura Snyder.

Thanks!

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Hi Tom and team:

Thanks Tom, so I reached out to the state for some more specifics on their TA request regarding the draft by the legislature regarding the WSHA Safety Net draft.

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Good morning Tom,

Thank you, I will reach out to the state for more specifics.

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: Technical Assistance-WA-WSHA Safety Net Draft

Hi Edwin,

Could the state please send questions they have before the call? Also, if they provide a little background on why they are making the changes could help. Thanks.

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Subject: Technical Assistance-WA-WSHA Safety Net Draft

Hello DRR team:

I am reaching out to the team because Washington state has submitted a draft bill (attached) that will revise the rating of Washington State Hospitals. The state is requesting to speak with CMS to discuss the acceptability of the proposed changes.

Are any questions or concerns I can help clarify with the state before scheduling some time with them?

Thank you,

Edwin Walaszek
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Subject: RE: RE: OGC-OL Passback: Status and Follow Up on Reactive Statement DUE COB TODAY: CIB Health Care Related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements

Hence the reason I am asking for an ETA from the team on turnaround since I'm not sure based on comments whether OGC/OL/OCD direct follow-up is needed? Can we turnaround comment by Wed or Thur or is that not feasible? Just confirming

Beverly

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And I'm going through the CIB now and inserting comments – some of which I don't think we can provide a definitive response.

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Thanks, Beverly. I think some of the line edits are visible in the CIB, but many by OL are not visible. Is there a version with the line edits visible?

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Hello,

Please see attached with OL and OGC comments. Can you take a look and let me know **when you'll be able to turn around clean versions**? As a reminder, next step is R2 CMS and the OCD will concurrently send it directly to Rachel in IOS, Sara Sills in OMB (Rory I did mention to Perrie that we shared and advanced copy with OMB), and Jessica Schubel in DPC to review.

Thanks

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Looks good. I will circle back if there are any questions. Thank you all.

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My edits are in and this is good to go. Thanks, all!

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Thanks Kristin,

Based on your comments would the below edits work? Please others review Kristin's comments in the attached and make edits here → reactive that was drafted by OC by COB today.

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Thanks

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I made some suggestions.

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Thanks Kristin,

Status update: OCD confirmed we are still aiming for 1/23. OCD is awaiting OGC comments (if any) on the CIB. Once the CIB clears Comms, the OCD will send it directly to Rachel in IOS, Sara Sills in OMB (Rory I did mention to Perrie that we shared and advanced copy with OMB), and Jessica Schubel in DPC to review.

In addition due COB today - Here is the reactive that was drafted by OC for the CIB. **Please let me know if you have edits to the reactive statement developed by OC.**

Thanks

Beverly

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Subject: RE: CIB Health Care Related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements

Thanks Beverly. I defer to others but don't think the edits are helpful for the CIB. It was carefully crafted language. I would not recommend accepting these changes.

From: Boston, Beverly (CMS/CMCS) <Beverly.Boston@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 8:46 AM

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Subject: CIB Health Care Related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements

Good morning and HNY! 🎉

Looping others. All Comms clearance comments on the CIB are due from commenters on 1/5. Please hold the attached FCHCO comments until all other comments on the CIB are received. **I will need clean and redlined comments once all comments are received.**

In addition due 12pm tomorrow 1/5 - Here is the reactive that was drafted by OC for the CIB. Please let me know if you have edits to the reactive statement developed by OC.

Thank you

Beverly

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Subject: FW: FOR CLEARANCE: Internal Q&As for CIB Health Care Related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements

Hi, Beverly and Lia. Would you mind making should make sure the attached track changes based on a few suggestions from Tim make it into the final version? Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Rory

From: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS)
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 3:49 PM
To: Engelhardt, Tim (CMS/FCHCO) <Tim.Engelhardt@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Internal Q&As for CIB Health Care Related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements

Hi Tim,

Happy New Year. I appreciate you taking the time to review and to comment. Thanks for catching the typo and for highlighting where we could be more precise to avoid misinterpretations. We'll update the draft CIB to address the comments/edit. Thanks again.

Rory

From: Engelhardt, Tim (CMS/FCHCO) <Tim.Engelhardt@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 3:16 PM
To: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS) <Rory.Howe@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: FOR CLEARANCE: Internal Q&As for CIB Health Care Related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements

Rory –

I understand the CIB was FYI-only, but I feel compelled to share with you a few things in the attached. I was only reading it to try to learn the policy, but there is a place in the CIB where a reader could easily take away the wrong message. And a typo.

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Subject: FOR CLEARANCE: Internal Q&As for CIB Health Care Related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements

*****Please copy Enrico Dinges and on ALL responses pertaining to this item when replying to CMS Clearances.*****

Please see attached internal qas for review. The informational bulletin is FYI ONLY. Thank you.

Comments Due: 1:00 PM ET Thursday, January 5, 2023

All: For your review and input. Concurrent HHS/CMS review.

Title: Internal Q&As for CMCS informational bulletin on health care related taxes and hold harmless arrangements.

Agency/Office: CMCS

Subject/Description: CMS will release an informational bulletin on health care related taxes and hold harmless arrangements involving the redistribution of Medicaid payments. This informational bulletin responds in part to questions CMS has received regarding the statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to health care-related taxes, including in connection with proposals to implement or renew Medicaid managed care state directed payments (SDPs). There will be a reactive statement, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

COMMs Materials for Rollout: Internal Q&As

Deadline for COMMS Clearance comments: Thursday, January 5 by 1:00 PM

Requested Release date: 2/7/2023

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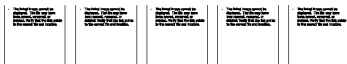
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To: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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Congrats on getting this out!

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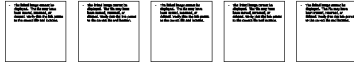
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(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: RE: E&C Majority Inquiry - Hold Harmless

Yes, Gayle will send the invite

Beverly

From: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS) <Rory.Howe@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 11:59 AM
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Subject: RE: E&C Majority Inquiry - Hold Harmless

Hi, Beverly. I am taking my daughters to the dentist today and might not be back by 3. The earliest I can do today is 3:30 (while Jeremy covers SBS). Would 3:30 work for OL?

From: Boston, Beverly (CMS/CMCS) <Beverly.Boston@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 11:31 AM
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Hello,

Tomorrow looks tight. Would 3pm today work?

Beverly

From: Mauser, Gayle (CMS/OL) <Gayle.Mauser@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 11:17 AM
To: Boston, Beverly (CMS/CMCS) <Beverly.Boston@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: E&C Majority Inquiry - Hold Harmless

Beverly, I understand from Perrie that you would be the right person to help with FMG schedules. Is that right, and if so do you mind letting me know what options might work for the FMG team in the next couple of days? I am out Friday, so if it's possible to have it before COB tomorrow that would be great.

Thank you – and please let me know if I should take a different route for scheduling!

Gayle

From: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS) <Rory.Howe@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:37 PM
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Subject: RE: E&C Majority Inquiry - Hold Harmless

Hi Gayle,

A call sounds right to me. Please also include Jeremy, Amber, and Charlie in the discussion. For awareness, tomorrow, FMG is planning to issue a letter to Florida and a question set to Missouri on this issue. Both states appear to have concerning arrangements in place and the letter/question set tomorrow are part of our work to address the arrangements. Let me know if you have any questions in the interim.

Thanks,
Rory

From: Mauser, Gayle (CMS/OL) <Gayle.Mauser@cms.hhs.gov>
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Subject: E&C Majority Inquiry - Hold Harmless

Hi Rory,

After Friday's hold harmless CIB went out, we received an inquiry from House E&C majority staff asking for more information—in particular, about the language from the list serv notice indicating “recently, CMS became aware that some health care-related tax programs appear to involve agreements among providers to redistribute their Medicaid payments to hold taxpayers harmless for the cost of the tax.”

Specifically, the staff would like to know about the instances CMS has found, and the steps the agency is taking to address those agreements.

I imagine it will be most efficient to have a quick call to discuss actions to date, anticipated upcoming actions, and next steps for responding to the Hill—does that work for you? Are there others who should be included?

Thanks,
Gayle

Gayle Mauser
(she/her)
Low Income Programs Analysis Group
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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Cell Phone: (b)(6)

Message

From: Holligan, Ricardo (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 2/22/2023 9:14:39 PM
To: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Automatic reply: Automatic reply: REMINDER DUE WEDS 2/22: Email States: CONGRATULATIONS WE ARE LIVE:
:TAXES HOLD HARMLESS CIB ROLLOUT ACTIONS

I am on leave until February 28, 2023 . When I return I will respond to your email .

If you have an urgent matter, please contact Alma Solomon
at Alma.Solomon@cms.hhs.gov.

Thank you,

Ricardo

Message

From: Aldana, Karen (CMS/OC); (b)(6)
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Sent: 2/22/2023 3:03:28 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: RE: ATTEN MEGHAN & ERIIN - ADVICE ON CBL SSA Blog - OK to Send to SSA? or 1 More Review by CBL? Please Advise

Thank you so much!

From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 9:56 AM
To: Aldana, Karen (CMS/OC) <Karen.Aldana@cms.hhs.gov>; OToole, Meghan (CMS/OA) <Meghan.OToole1@cms.hhs.gov>
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Thanks, Karen. I think it's fine to move forward (no need for CBL to see it again)

From: Aldana, Karen (CMS/OC) <Karen.Aldana@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 9:41 AM
To: OToole, Meghan (CMS/OA) <Meghan.OToole1@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
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Reupping –in need of your guidance.

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Meghan & Erin - CBL's Social Security Matters blog is updated based on her feedback. The Administrator in her review had a question re: (b)(5)

(b)(5)

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Please let me know if this has the green light to SSA **OR** if you think CBL will want to see it one last time?

From: (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 7:02 PM
Subject: RE: DC Update for ACBL 2.17.2023 - Review Item for Tuesday

Thanks. Attached are edits to the blog.

On the US of Care speech – Jon or Erin if either wants to do it, if not, then Meena or Dan. Thanks.

From: Aldana, Karen (CMS/OC) <Karen.Aldana@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2023 10:12 PM
To: (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
Subject: DC Update for ACBL 2.17.2023 - Review Item for Tuesday

Hi Chiquita – Sharing today's update, which includes the latest SSA blog (it's same version Bruce sent you at 5 p.m.) Have a great weekend!

ITEMS FOR YOUR ATTENTION:

- **Speaking Requests:** Please accept/ decline by Tuesday February 21, 2023
- **SSA Blog (attached)**

QUOTES FOR YOUR APPROVAL:

- None

KEY HIGHLIGHTS & FLAGS:

Your Hits for Today:

Quotes

- 2/17/23: **McKnight's Home Care:** Provider groups, lawmakers weigh in on MA plan proposed rule "We want to ensure MA enrollees' access includes up to 100 days of skilled nursing care (when medically

necessary) and coverage for all medically necessary, 30-day home health episodes, as is permitted under traditional Medicare,” Nicole Fallon, LeadingAge vice president of health policy and integrated services, penned in a letter to CMS Administrator **Chiquita Brooks-LaSure**.

- 2/17/23: **HeadTopics:** Maker of Promising Alzheimer's Drug Leqembi Expects Full FDA Approval This Summer, Expanded Medicare Coverage More than 70 members of Congress this month called on Health Secretary Xavier Becerra and CMS Administrator **Chiquita Brooks-LaSure** to ease the coverage restrictions on Leqembi to ensure more access across America. Other big food businesses are busy raising prices with Coca-Cola saying it will raise the price of its fizzy drinks again this year, after increasing them by 11% in 2022. "Patients, families, and caregivers living in rural and underserved areas should have the same opportunity for access to treatment," "One of the things I would just emphasize is as you know, in this particular class, [we] really wanted to have more information as we learn what these products are going to do," CMS Administrator **Brooks-LaSure** said Tuesday during a call with reporters. "But we continue to be open to hearing new data from manufacturers and advocates."
- 2/17/23: **Marco Eagle:** 3 To Know: Chick-fil-A introduces cauliflower sandwich, more Medicare targets drug companies that raise prices above rate of inflation The federal law "lowers out-of-pocket drug costs for people with Medicare and improves the sustainability of the Medicare program for current and future generations," said **CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure**.

Mentions

- 2/17/23: **InsiderNJ:** Pascrell, Peters, House Colleagues Demand Continued Test Coverage for Medicare Beneficiaries WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Representatives Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ-09) and Scott H. Peters (D-CA-50) are leading a federal effort to protect Medicare recipients from new medical costs. Their letter signed by 32 House members urges the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to continue covering the costs of at-home COVID-19 tests for beneficiaries. Dear Administrator **Brooks-LaSure**: We commend the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for taking the important step of covering at-home COVID-19 diagnostic test at no-cost to beneficiaries through a demonstration program.
- 2/17/23: **News 7F:** Senators call for swift action to expand Medicare coverage of Alzheimer's drugs (NASDAQ: BIIB) "Unless CMS reconsiders the April 2022 NCD, access to lecanemab and other disease-modifying therapies for Alzheimer's disease will be extremely limited," said the group led by Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) wrote in a letter to Health Secretary Xavier Becerra and **Chiquita Brooks-LaSure** and CMS administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure.
- 2/17/23: **Seeking Alpha:** Senators urge swift action to expand Medicare coverage for Alzheimer's therapies "Unless CMS reconsiders the April 2022 NCD, access to lecanemab and other disease-modifying therapies for Alzheimer's disease will be extremely limited," the group led by Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) wrote in a letter to Health Secretary Xavier Becerra and **Chiquita Brooks-LaSure** and CMS administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure.

- 2/17/23: **Politico Pulse:** The Hill for PBMs to climb HOSPICE GROUPS MEET WITH **BROOKS-LASURE** — In a meeting with CMS Administrator **Chiquita Brooks-LaSure**, four hospice organizations brought concerns and policy recommendations to the agency.
- 2/17/23: **Benefits Pro:** Senator urges CMS to approve its proposed Medicare Advantage policy changes However, earlier this week, Senate Finance Committee Chair Ron Wyden, D-Ore., urged approval of the rule in a letter to CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure

CMS Announcements/Events:

Today (Friday), 2/17

- Informational Bulletin: Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving Redistribution of Medicaid Payments Bulletin

Monday, 2/20

- Federal Holiday: President's Day

Tuesday, 2/21

- [CLOSE HOLD] Letter to Alzheimer's Association
- Supporting Health Care Resiliency CMS PHE Termination of 1135 Waiver Fact Sheets

CMS Media Engagement:

Today (Friday), 2/17

- Dr. Meena Seshamani Interview with Ahmed Aboulenein (Reuters) to discuss Medicare Prescription Drug Negotiation Program & Medicare Prescription Drug Rebate Program (Publication date is TBD.)

Monday, 2/20

- Federal Holiday: President's Day

NEWS

Noteworthy articles from the day:

- 2/17/23: Bloomberg Law: Hospital Price Caps Among State Ideas to Lower Health-Care Costs
- 2/17/23: Bloomberg Law: Private Medicare Plans See Scrutiny as 50% Enrollment Mark Nears
- 2/16/23: Axios: Insurers balk at proposed changes to MA marketing rules
- 2/16/23: Health Affairs: Health Care Affordability: Iron Triangle Or Iron Curtain?
- 2/16/23 Forbes: Testing A Hypothesis: Can We Promote Both Innovation And Affordability Of Drugs?

Coverage of Medicare Advantage "Mediscare"

2/16/23: Bloomberg Law: Insurers Put Millions in 'Mediscare' Ads to Save Advantage Rates

- 2/17/23: Inside Helath Policy: Becerra Lashes Out At Industry For 'Categorially False' Claims CMS Will Cut MA
- 2/17/23: Bloomberg Law: Private Medicare Plans See Scrutiny as 50% Enrollment Mark Nears (1)

- 2/16/23: Becker's Payer Issue: [Proposed 2024 Medicare Advantage rates could cut member benefits by \\$540 a year](#)
- 2/16/23: Bloomberg Government: [What to Know in Washington: Biden Hits GOP, 'Mediscare' Ads Air](#)
- 2/16/23: Bloomberg Law: [Insurers Put Millions in 'Mediscare' Ads to Save Revenues \(1\)](#)
- 2/16/23: NPR: [How seniors could lose in the Medicare political wars](#)
- 2/14/23: Becker's Payer Issue: ['Mediscare': What proposed cuts to Medicare really mean](#)
- 2/14/23: Rama on Healthcare: ['Mediscare': What proposed cuts to Medicare really mean](#)
- 2/16/23: Protect Our Care.org: [FACT SHEET: Big Insurers and the GOP Are Spreading Falsehoods About the Biden Administration and Medicare](#)
- 2/16/23: AXIOS: [Health industry could be playing defense on Medicare](#)
- 2/16/23: The American Independent: [No, President Joe Biden is not cutting Medicare](#)

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- 2/15/23: Politico: [Biden's Medicare advantage](#)
- 2/15/23: Fierce Healthcare: [Better Medicare Alliance launches bid to get rid of potential Medicare Advantage pay cut](#)
- 2/13/23: Washington Post: [What does cutting Medicare actually mean?](#)
- 2/8/23: Politico: [GOP tries to flip the Medicare script](#)
- 2/10/23: Washington Post: [The Medicare finger-pointing is accelerating](#)
- 1/24/23: Bloomberg Law: [Progressives Take Aim at Insurers in Medicare Advantage Fight](#)

Quotes

- 2/16/23: **Becker's Payer Issue:** [Proposed 2024 Medicare Advantage rates could cut member benefits by \\$540 a year](#) "There is a lot of interest in the proposed increase in payments for Medicare Advantage insurance plans. CMS is proposing updates to pay insurers more accurately for the care of people with Medicare," CMS Administrator **Chiquita Brooks-LaSure** said in a [tweet](#) Feb. 16. Public comment on the proposed rule is open until March 3. Read the full report [here](#).

Coverage of Proposed Decision: Benefit Category Determination (BCD) and Medicare National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Seat Elevation Equipment on Power Wheelchairs

2/15/23: **CMS Newsroom:** [CMS Proposes Benefit Expansion for Mobility Devices, Advancing Health Equity for People with Disabilities](#)

- 2/16/23: HME Business: [CMS Proposes Power Seat Elevation Coverage](#)

Coverage of Top Healthcare News

- 2/17/23: Inside Health Policy: [Georgia Tells CMS It Will Switch To State Exchange By Nov. 1](#)
- 2/17/23: Inside Health Policy: [CMS Touts HCBS Unwind Strategy, But Bipartisan Cooperation Uncertain](#)
- 2/16/23: New York Times: [Supreme Court Cancels Arguments In Title 42 Immigration Case](#)
- 2/16/23: Bloomberg Law: [A Mysterious Adderall Shortage Frustrates Millions of Americans](#)
- 2/16/23: Bloomberg Law: [CVS, Walgreens Caught in Red-Blue Crossfire on Abortion Pill \(3\)](#)
- 2/16/23: Bloomberg Law: [Pharmacy Benefit Managers Face Renewed Scrutiny From Senators](#)

- 2/16/23: Insider: Trump Joins Mitch McConnell In Bashing Rick Scott's Social Security And Medicare Plans, Telling Him To 'Be Careful': 'THERE WILL BE NO CUTS!'
- 2/16/23: Arkansas Democrat Gazette: Sanders Announces Proposed Work Requirement For Arkansas' Medicaid Expansion Program

Message

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Sent: 2/22/2023 10:15:02 PM
To: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: RE: Hold Harmless States

We can discuss. This is from Jonathan. I will check to see if WA submitted or plans to submit something.

Thanks,

Charlie Arnold
Director
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Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 4:57 PM
To: Arnold, Charlie (CMS/CMCS) <Charlie.Arnold@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Hold Harmless States

Thanks for sharing, Charlie. We should discuss Washington in more detail, along with Nevada. Based on my prior conversation with DFP about Washington, I understood was that WA had questions about Florida, but that WA did not indicate that they had this type of arrangement.

From: Arnold, Charlie (CMS/CMCS) <Charlie.Arnold@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 4:31 PM
To: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS) <Rory.Howe@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Hold Harmless States

Hi Rory,

There is another state with a possible hold-harmless concern. Washington said they believe they have a like situation as Florida. This is why they requested the companion letter for the FL SDP approval.

Thanks,

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CC: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Harris, Monica
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Speaking request

Dan – bumping this. Shall I reply to Thomas Barker directly? Our team (unwinding and DP) is ready to commit to having speakers here).

Krista – If Dan doesn't reply, can you please put this on your list to flag for him?

From: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS)
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Subject: RE: Speaking request

Hi Dan – Let me know if you want me to reply to Thomas Barker directly or if you prefer to.

For the pharmacy engagement, please loop in Cindy and Mickey.

For the unwinding engagement, please loop in me. Depending on the exact date/time of the session, I will work with Monica to confirm an unwinding speaker.

From: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 3:21 PM
To: Coster, John (CMS/CMCS) <John.Coster@cms.hhs.gov>; Deboy, Alissa (CMS/CMCS) <alissa.deboy1@cms.hhs.gov>; Denemark, Cynthia (CMS/CMCS) <Cynthia.Denemark@cms.hhs.gov>; Smith, Carrie (CMS/CMCS) <Carrie.Smith@cms.hhs.gov>

Cc: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: FW: Speaking request

Hi – John/Cindy/team – I think great for you to do the below. Who do you want me to send back to?

On unwinding – Perrie, who should I send to (you or Hannah?)

From: Barker, Thomas <TBarker@foleyhoag.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 11:30 AM

To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: Speaking request

Hi Dan:

I hope that the new year is treating you well and that you're enjoying your time at CMS. Working there was definitely one of the high points of my career and I hope you're enjoying it as well.

I wanted to ask for your help on two speaking requests. I'm on the faculty planning committee for the American Health Lawyers Association's Medicare and Medicaid Payment Institute being held in Baltimore on March 22 – 24. We want to have a session at that program on the challenges associated with Medicaid payment for some of the new gene therapies that have been, or will be, approved by the FDA in the coming years. (For example, bluebird bio's new therapy for beta thalassemia or the soon-to-be-approved therapies for sickle cell anemia). I asked John Coster if he'd be interested in speaking on this session, and he suggested that I should make the offer to you first. Is this something that you'd be interested in doing?

In addition, we'd like to do a session on the provisions in the CAA reducing the FMAP increase that was enacted at the outset of the pandemic and allowing states to begin conducting eligibility redeterminations again. Is there someone in CMCS who you could recommend as a speaker for that session?

Thanks very much for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thomas Barker | Partner

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CC: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: RE: Speaking request

Thanks so much for getting back to me Dan. I hope you're enjoying CMS!

Perrie, after I hear back from you I can put you in touch with AHLA.

Thomas Barker | Partner

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Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 2:56 PM
To: Barker, Thomas <TBarker@foleyhoag.com>
Cc: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Speaking request

Hi Tom

Great to hear from you

Cc'ing Perrie on my team – I think we can line some folks up

Hope you're well
-Dan

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State Directed Payments – Provider Tax Non-Federal Share Issues Overview October 2022

What are next steps the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) can take on State Directed Payments (SDPs) to ensure that the underlying state sources of non-federal share meet statutory and regulatory requirements?

- For each of the states (Florida, Missouri, Texas) we suspect are financing Medicaid managed care SDPs using an impermissible source of non-federal share in which providers redistribute their Medicaid payments, **CMCS is taking a consistent approach:**
 - **Approve the SDP proposal** (if non-federal share arrangement was in place prior to the current SDP proposal).
 - **Send a companion letter** (in Texas it was different written communication) that indicates we are starting the financial management review (FMR) process and/or support the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) audit of SDPs and the source of non-federal share funding.
 - **If CMCS confirms that the non-federal share source is unallowable, initiate recovery of federal funds** by issuing a disallowance (for which states may appeal).
- Continue to provide technical assistance to states that are currently developing SDP proposals where CMS has preliminary concerns that the funding source may be impermissible (e.g. possible Texas-like arrangements in Nevada and North Carolina).
- In the managed care notice of proposed rulemaking, **the following proposed provisions are included to address SDP financing:**

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What are SDPs?

- SDPs are contractual obligations in which the State directs how the managed care plans pay providers for Medicaid covered services provided to Medicaid enrollees covered under the managed care contract. This can include minimum fee schedules, maximum fee schedules, uniform increases and VBP arrangements. Sometimes the SDP is a directive that plans must pay no less than a certain level (minimum fee schedule); other times the State may require that an additional amount be paid in addition to negotiated rates (e.g. uniform increase).

- Because this type of state direction of payment goes against the general premise of managed care in which a contracted organization assumes risk from the state for the delivery of care to its enrollees, **prior CMS approval is required by regulation for most state directed payments.**

What are the recent challenges with SDPs?

- In January 2021, CMS revised its preprint form for SDPs to collect better information on the source of the non-federal share. Due in part to better data collection as well as a proliferation of SDP models paired with concerning financing CMCS has discovered that **a number of states are financing, or intend to finance, Medicaid managed care SDPs using sources of non-federal share that do not meet federal requirements.**
- **Ensuring that states fund the non-federal share through permissible sources is critical to protecting Medicaid's sustainability through responsible stewardship of public funds.** State use of impermissible non-federal share sources often artificially inflates federal Medicaid expenditures.
 - Further, these arrangements reward providers based on their ability to fund the state share, instead of on Medicaid utilization, quality, equity, health outcomes, or other Medicaid program goals.
- Current arrangements between providers in Missouri and Texas (and possibly Florida, Nevada, and North Carolina) are specifically designed to **redirect Medicaid payments away from higher Medicaid utilized providers to providers that have low Medicaid utilization or do not participate in Medicaid.** Without consistent compliance enforcement, impermissible financing will proliferate nationally.
- Specifically, we have seen arrangements where a state's non-federal share is funded, in part, through Local Provider Participation Fund (LPPF) arrangements that involve taxes imposed on hospitals by localities. Provider taxes can be a permissible source of non-federal share, but only if they meet federal requirements.
- The non-compliant arrangements do not meet federal requirements because there appears to be a **pre-arranged agreement for high Medicaid-volume hospitals to use a pooling mechanism to redirect Medicaid payments to hospitals with low (or no) Medicaid volume.** This payment redirection guarantees to **hold all the taxpaying hospitals harmless for their tax cost**, which is prohibited by statute and regulation. Despite evidence that states are aware of these arrangements, states like **Texas, Missouri, and now Florida contend that the arrangements are permissible because the state does not itself compel these payment redirections.**
- The back-end redistribution arrangements seek to achieve what CMCS would never explicitly approve through an SDP (that is, redirecting Medicaid funds to hold taxpayer providers harmless for their tax cost).

Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care NPRM

CMS/CMCS

December 2022

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Goals and Agenda

Goal: To provide an overview of CMCS' proposed rulemaking related to Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care, including provisions on access, health-related social needs, and state financing and reporting.

Agenda

- ① Background and Reasons for Rulemaking
- ② Rulemaking Deep Dive:
 - Access Provisions
 - Addressing Health-Related Social Needs
 - State Directed Payments
 - Other Operational Provisions
- ③ Q&A



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Background and Reasons for Rulemaking

- **70-80% of Medicaid beneficiaries are enrolled in managed care**, which accounts for \$400B+ (60%) of total Medicaid spending. Oversight of managed care is a key priority focus for CMCS.
- There is **significant variation among Medicaid managed care programs** both within and across states. This variation can result in measurable differences in access and quality of care, as well as fiscal sustainability and program integrity.
- CMS is limited in our ability to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of states' managed care programs, especially regarding **access to care** and **appropriate state financing**. To advance this and other Biden-Harris Administration priorities, we are proposing a Managed Care rule that would strengthen CMS oversight of Medicaid/CHIP managed care programs.

– **Anticipated timeline:** NPRM in April 2023; Final Rule in May 2024



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A Improving Access to Care

Access to services varies considerably across Medicaid managed care programs. Currently, Medicaid does not have consistent standards for reasonable appointment wait times, and states are not required to report on patient experience or provider payment rates. CMCS intends to propose the following rulemaking provisions to strengthen access to services within managed care:

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B Addressing Health-Related Social Needs

Background

- In line with Biden-Harris Administration priorities, CMCS has developed several opportunities for states to **cover services that address** the social determinants of health (SDOH), or more specifically, **health-related social needs** (HRSN).

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C State Directed Payments

Background: State directed payments (SDPs) are a payment mechanism by which states contractually obligate their managed care plans to pay a portion of their capitation payments to specific provider types for specific services. SDPs have become a significant payment vehicle for states, accounting for **more than \$25B annually across 37 states**.

- SDPs allow states to take a more proactive role in directing managed care plans towards key policy and delivery system investments. However, some SDPs are correlated with financing challenges.

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D Other Operational Provisions

In addition to addressing access to care, health-related social needs, and state directed payments, CMS intends to use the proposed Managed Care rule to codify several other operational and program integrity requirements:

- **Medical Loss Ratio (MLR):** Improve program integrity and oversight of Medicaid managed care plans by (1) requiring that managed care plans include state-directed payments (SDPs) in their MLR reports to states, (2) clarifying plan-level data requirements for states' MLR reports to CMS, and (3) aligning treatment of incentive arrangements and quality improvement expenditures with Marketplace plan MLR calculations. **This aims to improve consistency in MLR reporting, allowing CMS to better compare MLRs across plans and states.***
- **Quality:** Define a set of requirements for states' Medicaid and CHIP Quality Rating Systems (MAC QRS), similar to Medicare's Star Ratings and plan finder. These requirements would include rating elements and required content for enrollee-facing plan-by-plan comparisons.

* Unlike commercial and Marketplace insurers, CMS does not have statutory authority to set a Medicaid MLR floor (e.g., at 85%). However, many state Medicaid agencies have implemented their own MLR floors with recoupments from managed care plans that fall below that floor.



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Questions?



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Subject: E&C Majority Inquiry - Hold Harmless

Hi Rory,

After Friday's hold harmless CIB went out, we received an inquiry from House E&C majority staff asking for more information—in particular, about the language from the list serv notice indicating “recently, CMS became aware that some health care-related tax programs appear to involve agreements among providers to redistribute their Medicaid payments to hold taxpayers harmless for the cost of the tax.”

Specifically, the staff would like to know about the instances CMS has found, and the steps the agency is taking to address those agreements.

I imagine it will be most efficient to have a quick call to discuss actions to date, anticipated upcoming actions, and next steps for responding to the Hill—does that work for you? Are there others who should be included?

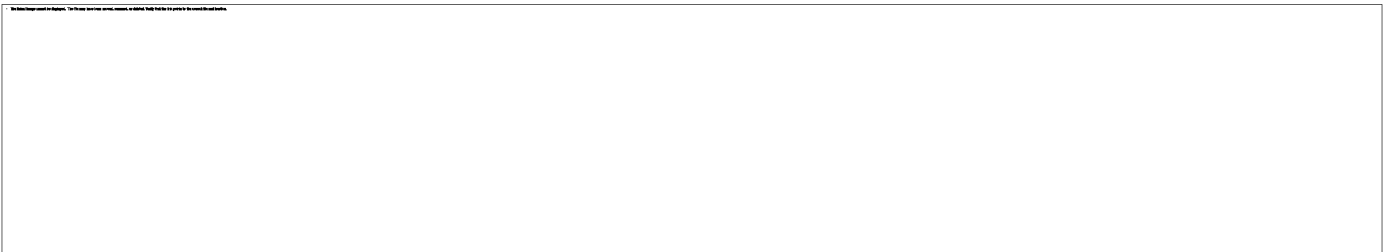
Thanks,
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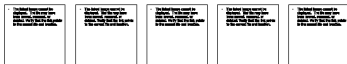


Informational Bulletin: Health Care-Related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an informational bulletin to states reiterating certain federal requirements that pertain to health care-related taxes. Recently, CMS became aware that some health care-related tax programs appear to involve agreements among providers to redistribute their Medicaid payments to hold taxpayers harmless for the cost of the tax. The informational bulletin reminds states that such arrangements are prohibited by the statute and regulations and re-emphasizes our goal of assisting states in ensuring appropriate sources of non-federal share financing.

[Read the full Informational Bulletin.](#)

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
Hi Team,

Daily comms calendar and rollout update are below.

NOTE: This calendar/look-ahead is close hold in nature and should not be forwarded/shared outside of this group of recipients.

Friendly reminder that these are living documents and the dates are accurate as of the time it is sent - all dates are subject to change.

Please visit the [**OC Rollouts Dashboard**](#) for color-coded status updates and clearance deadlines for your upcoming rollouts.

- Green is on track
- Yellow has potential challenges
-  are at risk.

If an upcoming Tier 1 or 2 rollout is missing please alert your OC strategic comms lead to add it to SharePoint immediately.

Rollouts Today:

Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) (4/11-17)	TENTATIVE: Illinois/New Mexico Free Care SPA	BMHW Event with Howard University - Men's Basketball Team (CBL)	TENTATIVE: VH1/BET On-Camera - Health Equity Interview (CBL)	TENTATIVE: SMDL: Inmate Transitions Guidance to States	
		TENTATIVE (Pending Submission): CMS Innovation Center Health Equity Update Blog		SSA Blog (#2): CMS Administrator Guest Social Security Blog on Medicare Enrollment	
16	17	18	19	20	21
	TENTATIVE: Final 2024 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters (NBPP) (CMS-9899-F)		African American Mayors Association Annual Conference (CBL)	TENTATIVE: Missouri Notice Letter	
			TENTATIVE (Close Hold): NPRM: Removal of Hyde Amendment Language in Public Health Service Act (PHSA) Regulations	CMS Roundup	
			TENTATIVE: Rural Emergency Hospitals Milestone Announcement		
23	24	25	26	27	28

National Infant Immunization Week (4/24-5/1)	TENTATIVE: NPRM: Assuring Access to Medicaid Services	TENTATIVE: DOL RULE - Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (CMS-9902)	TENTATIVE: Quarterly Press Call
	TENTATIVE: NPRM: Medicaid Managed Care State Directed Payments and In Lieu of Services		TENTATIVE (Close Hold): Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies Procedural Notice
	TENTATIVE (Close Hold): Enhanced Enforcement for Noncompliance Related to Nurse Staffing	TENTATIVE: RI Postpartum Medicaid and CHIP State Plan Amendment Coverage Extensions	TENTATIVE: Public Release of Acute Hospital Care at Home Data Set
	TENTATIVE: NPRM: LTC Minimum Staffing Standards & Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Proposed Rule		TENTATIVE: CMS-3367-P- Strengthening Oversight of Accrediting Organizations and Preventing AO Conflict of Interest

Three-week look-ahead

Tuesday, 4/4

- Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Proposed Rule - CMS - 1783-P**
 CMS will issue the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) proposed rule for inpatient hospital services provided by inpatient psychiatric facilities. This proposed rule outlines policy and payment changes will display at the Federal Register by April 3, 2023 with a 60-day comment period, and the final rule will display by August 1, 2023. There will be a fact sheet and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.
- Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Proposed Payment Rule - CMS-1779-P**
 CMS will release the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System (SNF PPS) proposed rule. It will be displayed at the Federal Register with a 60-day comment period. There will be a fact sheet and internal questions and answers (QAs) planned for this item.
- Arizona Postpartum Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program State Plan Amendment Coverage Extensions**
 CMS will approve postpartum coverage extension state plan amendments (SPAs) for Arizona. The state will receive SPA approval to extend postpartum coverage for individuals enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program--an opportunity made possible by the American Rescue Plan. This

approval marks 31 states and D.C. that have extended postpartum Medicaid/CHIP coverage to a full year. There will be a social media, targeted media outreach, and a News Roundup story for this item.

Wednesday, 4/5

- **Contract Year (CY) 2024 Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D Final Rule (CMS -4201-F)**
CMS will issue the Contract Year 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule (CMS-4201-F). This rule will amend the regulations for the Medicare Advantage (MA)/Part C, Part D, and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) programs. The final rule will implement several new policies that will strengthen and improve the MA, Prescription Drug Plan, and PACE programs and codify existing sub-regulatory guidance and program updates. There will be a press release, fact sheet, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.
- **Value-Based Insurance Design Model Extension Details**
CMS will announce policy details of the extension of the Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model. CMS previously announced the model would be extended through 2025-2030. The model tests support for social determinants of health for Medicare Advantage beneficiaries. There will be some changes to the model, including requiring plans to include VBID-specific benefits to address at least two of three priority areas: food, transportation, and housing insecurity/living environment. There will be a fact sheet and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.
- **Speaking Engagement: HerStory Podcast Release**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure's episode of the HerStory Podcast will be released by Think Medium. Her Story is a podcast series developed by women, for women, to share stories that expand their vision of what is possible as healthcare leaders. The Administrator's episode is hosted by Ceci Connolly, President and CEO of the Alliance of Community Health Plans.
- **Medicaid Redeterminations Virtual Regional Pen-and-Pad**
CMS will host a virtual pen-and-pad with reporters from select states (Arizona, Hawaii, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington state, West Virginia, and Wisconsin) to discuss Medicaid eligibility redeterminations as the continuous enrollment condition ends. This supports CMS' ongoing efforts to engage in national and regional media education about Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program redeterminations.

Thursday, 4/6

- **[TENTATIVE] Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule (CMS-1785-P)**
CMS will issue the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Proposed Rule with a 60-day comment period. Medicare makes payments under the IPPS to approximately 3,500 hospital and to approximately 400 LTCHs under the LTCH PPS. There will be a press release, a general fact sheet, internal questions-and-answers, social media, and a listserv announcement for this item.
- **[TENTATIVE] Home Health Agency and Hospice Ownership Data Release**
CMS will release Home Health Agency (HHA) and Hospice full ownership data. This is in continuation of previous data releases including Change of Ownership (CHOW) and Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) full ownership last year to improve data transparency. There will social media, a listserv announcement, internal questions and answers (QAs).

- **[TENTATIVE] Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): CMS Waivers, Flexibilities, and the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**
CMS will publish a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document addressing various issues related to the May 11, 2023, end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) and its impact on various on waivers and flexibilities implemented to address the pandemic. This document will be periodically updated as new FAQs are raised by the public.
- **CMS Administrator Guest Social Security Blog on Medicare Enrollment (Part 1)**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will have a guest blog published for Social Security Matters. The Administrator will convey to over 400,000 Social Security Matters subscribers on the basics of Medicare -- when to apply, how to apply, tools and options to consider. There will be social media for this item.

Friday, 4/7

- **CMS Roundup for April 7, 2023**
CMS will release a Roundup highlighting agency initiatives and activities in a condensed, plain-language, reader-friendly narrative format with embedded links to information on the CMS website for reference. The Roundup is distributed twice a month to media and stakeholders.

Saturday, 4/8

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 4/9

- Nothing to report

Monday, 4/10

- **[TENTATIVE] Illinois Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA)**
CMS will issue a Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Illinois. Free Care SPAs are based on CMS guidance that reversed the “free care rule.” This guidance means that states have the option provide physical and behavioral health care services to any student who is enrolled in Medicaid—and to get federal Medicaid reimbursement for those services. There will be a press release, listserv message, social media, internal questions-and-answers, and possible event for this item.
- **[TENTATIVE] New Mexico Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA)**
CMS will approve a Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA) for New Mexico. Free Care SPAs are based on CMS guidance that reversed the “free care rule.” This guidance means that states have the option provide physical and behavioral health care services to any student who is enrolled in Medicaid—and to get federal Medicaid reimbursement for those services. There will be a press release, listserv message, social media, internal questions-and-answers, and possible event for this item.
- **Speaking Engagement: Systems, Leadership, Integration, & Management Committee at Columbia University's Medical School**
CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in Columbia University Medical School's Systems, Leadership, Integration, &

Management (SLIM) Committee. The committee aims to expose Columbia medical students to the global issues affecting effective and appropriate healthcare delivery, including access, quality, safety, cost, and payments.

Tuesday, 4/11

- **Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) Event with Howard University**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will participate in a Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) Event with Howard University - Men's Basketball Team.
- **Speaking Engagement: Virtual Medicare Advantage Summit**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare) will give a pre-recorded fireside chat about Medicare Advantage. Dr. Seshamani's session will air between April 11-14th.

Wednesday, 4/12

- **Speaking Engagement: VH1/BET On-Camera - Health Equity Interview**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will participate in a VH1/BET on-camera interview on health equity.
- **Speaking Engagement: Qualified Health Plan (QHP) Issuer and State Virtual Event**
CMS' Dr. Ellen Montz (Deputy Administrator & Director, Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight (CCIO)) will participate in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) Issuer and State virtual event. This two-day event is applicable to issuers and states in Federally-facilitated Exchanges (FEEs), including States performing Plan Management functions, State-based Exchanges (SBEs), State-based Exchanges on the Federal platform (SBE-FPs) and Stand-alone Dental Plans (SADPs). It is not open to members of the press or media outlets.

Thursday, 4/13

- **[TENTATIVE] State Medicaid Director Letter on Inmate Transitions Guidance to States**
CMS will issue a State Medicaid Director Letter (SMDL) to states that will provide them with information on a new Medicaid section 1115 demonstration for short term coverage of Medicaid services to individuals transitioning out of incarceration. This guidance is being issued as required by section 5032 of the SUPPORT Act. There will be a press release, social media, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.
- **CMS Administrator Guest Social Security Blog on Medicare Enrollment (Part 2)**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will have a guest blog published for Social Security Matters. The Administrator will convey to over 400,000 Social Security Matters subscribers on the basics of Medicare -- when to apply, how to apply, tools and options to consider. Included for awareness only.
- **Speaking Engagement: 4x24 Healthcare Group Dinner**
CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will join the 4x24 Executive Dinner Series. The 4x24 Healthcare Group Dinner provides an opportunity for like-minded leaders in the government contracting industry to network and collaborate with one another in a cooperative fashion. Each meeting has an outside speaker to discuss the latest related happenings in our market space.

Friday, 4/14

- Nothing to report

Saturday, 4/15

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 4/16

- Nothing to report

Monday, 4/17

- **Final 2024 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters (NBPP)**
CMS will release the Final 2024 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters (NBPP). CMS is finalizing some of the standards in the proposed rule for states, Exchanges, and issuers in the individual and small-group markets. This final proposed rule will publish in the Federal Register. There will be a press release, fact sheet, social media, listserv announcement, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

Tuesday, 4/18

- **Speaking Engagement: Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 23 Conference and Exhibition**
CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will speak at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 23 Conference. HIMSS is a global, nonprofit advisor and thought leader supporting the transformation of the health ecosystem through information and technology. HIMSS' vision is to realize the full health potential of every human everywhere.
- **Speaking Engagement: End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network Webinar**
CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in an End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network Webinar. There are 18 end-stage kidney disease networks providing quality improvement and patient grievance support to dialysis providers and patients throughout the country, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Dr. Chalmers will present to these networks, dialysis providers, dialysis/chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients, and kidney transplant patients.

Wednesday, 4/19

- Nothing to report

Thursday, 4/20

- **[CLOSE HOLD] [TENTATIVE] Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM): Removal of Hyde Amendment Language in Public Health Service Act (PHSA) Regulations**
CMS will issue a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to remove outdated Hyde Amendment abortion regulations in Medicaid and Public Health Service Act (PHSA) regulations. PHSA regulations

apply to the Title X grant program, which supports the delivery of family planning services for low-income and uninsured populations. These regulations are based on previous iterations of the Hyde Amendment and have not been updated to reflect changes in appropriations law since 1979 and 1987. The Medicaid regulations, in particular, are more restrictive than current Hyde Amendment language in that they do not allow for federal reimbursement even in cases of rape and incest. This rulemaking would remove outdated Hyde Amendment abortion regulations. A similar NPRM is also planned for release by the Indian Health Service. There will be a reactive statement for this item. Additional planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

- **Rural Emergency Hospitals (REH) Milestone Announcement**

On January 3, 2023, a new provider type, Rural Emergency Hospitals (REH), was implemented to support access to care in rural and underserved communities. Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and small rural hospitals can convert to REH, which may be a more sustainable option for rural hospitals facing closure. Behavioral health services may be provided at REH facilities. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

- **Speaking Engagement: African American Mayors Association Annual Conference**

CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will participate in a fireside chat discussion during the African American Mayors Association (AAMA) Annual Conference. She will be joined by Mayor Justin Bibb (Cleveland, OH) and Mayor Sylvester Turner (Houston, TX) for a conversation about the Administration's strategies for expanding access to quality care and achieving health equity.

- **Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE)**

CMS' Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE) will meet in person from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm ET to hear from CMS speakers on various topics. The APOE panel members will provide recommendations for CMS to consider as we work on outreach and education on these programs. The APOE panel is a Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) panel, and the website with more information is here: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/FACA/APOE>.

Friday, 4/21

- **[TENTATIVE] Missouri Notice Letter**

CMS will release a Medicaid deferral letter to Missouri regarding longstanding concerns about federal Medicaid financing requirements, specifically FRA hospital taxes. This may represent a hold harmless arrangement, which is prohibited by statute and regulations. There will be a reactive statement for this item.

- **CMS Roundup for April 21, 2023**

CMS will release a Roundup highlighting agency initiatives and activities in a condensed, plain-language, reader-friendly narrative format with embedded links to information on the CMS website for reference. The Roundup is distributed twice a month to media and stakeholders.

Saturday, 4/22

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 4/23

- Nothing to report

Monday, 4/24

- **Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM): Assuring Access to Medicaid Services**
CMS will issue a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), entitled "Assuring Access to Medicaid Services" (CMS-2442-P), that includes provisions to enhance Medicaid beneficiaries' access to health care services across fee-for-service, managed care, and home and community-based services delivery systems. The proposed regulatory improvements will affect access to care by increasing transparency and accountability, and by promoting standardized data and monitoring. The NPRM also includes opportunities for states to leverage active beneficiary engagement in their Medicaid programs. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.
- **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM): Medicaid Managed Care State Directed Payments and In Lieu of Services**
CMS will release a proposed rule that would add additional parameters under managed care delivery systems related to access to care requirements, states' use of in Lieu of Services or Settings, state directed payments, quality rating systems, and other policy and reporting changes to ensure the efficient operation of state managed care programs. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.
- **[CLOSE HOLD] Enhanced Enforcement for Noncompliance Related to Nurse Staffing**
CMS will release a memo titled Enhanced Enforcement for Noncompliance Related to Nurse Staffing to the Policy Memos to State and Regions portion of cms.gov. This memo announces immediate action to ensure that residents are receiving the quality of care they deserve by increasing civil monetary penalties in cases where poor resident outcomes resulted from low nursing home staffing. This action is being taken as part of the Administration's priority to improving the safety and quality of care in nursing homes, as outlined in a White House Fact Sheet. There will be a news alert for this item.
- **Long-Term Care (LTC) Minimum Staffing Standards & Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency (CMS 3342-P)**
CMS will issue a proposed rule on staffing standards for nurses working in a long-term care facility based on input from the 2022 Nursing Home Staffing Study. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.
- **Speaking Engagement: 2023 American Hospital Association (AHA) Annual Membership Meeting**
CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will participate in the American Hospital Association (AHA) Annual Membership Meeting. The meeting brings together members from across the country to provide industry updates, education, and an opportunity for networking.

Tuesday, 4/25

- **[DOL LEAD] Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 NPRM (CMS-9902-P)**
CMS will support the Department of Labor, which will publish the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (CMS-9902). This rule would propose amendments to the final rules implementing the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, taking into account the amendments to the law enacted by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. There

will be internal questions-and-answers for this item. Additional planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

- **Rhode Island Postpartum Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program State Plan Amendment Coverage Extensions**

CMS will approve postpartum coverage extension state plan amendments (SPAs) for Rhode Island. The state will receive SPA approval to extend postpartum coverage for individuals enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program--an opportunity made possible by the American Rescue Plan. This approval marks 32 states and D.C. that have extended postpartum Medicaid/CHIP coverage to a full year. There will be a social media, targeted media outreach, and a News Roundup story for this item.

- **Quarterly National Stakeholder Call with CMS Administrator**

CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, and her leadership team will provide an update on CMS' recent accomplishments and how the cross-cutting initiatives are advancing CMS' Strategic Plan. CMS serves the public as a trusted partner and steward dedicated to promoting health equity, expanding coverage, and improving health outcomes as we engage the communities we serve throughout the policymaking and implementation process.

- **Speaking Engagement: Dental Trade Alliance Conference**

CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in the Dental Trade Alliance Conference. The conference aims to educate Dental Trade Alliance members on federal policy and regulations in the interest of oral healthcare and how to advocate nationally. Dr. Chalmers will speak about the priorities of CMS and oral health initiatives across CMS.

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Three-week look-ahead

Monday, 3/27

- **Trip to CMS Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands - Jonathan Blum**
CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer), Dr. LaShawn McIver (Director, Office of Minority Health), and John Hammarlund (Deputy Director, Local Engagement Administration, Office of Program Operations & Local Engagement) will participate in a four-day visit to CMS Puerto Rico (PR) and US Virgin Islands (VI). The aim is to 1) meet with the Governor of PR and State Health Leaders, 2) hold listening sessions with the PR Hospital Association, PR Interoperability Committee, and College of Physicians, 3) meet with US-VI stakeholders, the Medicaid and Medicare Advantage Plan Association, the Mental Health Sub-Committee and Dialysis providers, 4) listen to the challenges and health disparities of the healthcare system in PR and US VI, and have a working dinner with the Chamber of Commerce to prepare for participation in the March 30 Healthcare Subcommittee of the Chamber of Commerce Forum.
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 CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare) will participate in a Patients for Affordable Drugs Now Meeting. Dr. Seshamani will discuss the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act.
- Speaking Engagement: National Rural Oral Health Initiative Task Force**
 CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in the National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) National Rural Oral Health Initiative Task Force. The task force is a group of rural oral health professionals formed to study and guide oral health positions. The goal is to focus on policy, communications, education, access to quality care, and research to help spread awareness and prioritize person-centered care in rural communities plagued by oral health issues. Dr. Chalmers will give the keynote.
- Speaking Engagement; Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) 76th Full Council Meeting**
 CMS' Dr. Lee Fleisher (Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ)) will participate in a Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) meeting. Dr. Fleisher will sit on a panel to discuss the federal updates on ending the HIV epidemic activities.

Thursday, 3/30

- [TENTATIVE] State Medicaid Director Letter on Inmate Transitions Guidance to States**
 CMS will issue a State Medicaid Director Letter (SMDL) to states that will provide them with information on a new Medicaid section 1115 demonstration for short term coverage of Medicaid services to individuals transitioning out of incarceration. This guidance is being issued as required by section 5032 of the SUPPORT Act. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.
- [TENTATIVE] New Jersey FamilyCare Section 1115 Demonstration Extension**
 CMS will approve New Jersey's request to extend its FamilyCare Comprehensive Demonstration for five years. This will extend longstanding programs, through various waiver and expenditure authorities, which make up a crucial part of the state's Medicaid system. Approval of this renewal includes the extension of established elements, such as (1) authority for managed care in long-term services and supports and behavioral health services; (2) targeted home and community-based services programs

for children and in-home community supports for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities; (3) behavioral health and substance use disorder services; and (4) the extension of full benefits to postpartum individuals enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program for up to 12 months from the last day of an individual's pregnancy. There will be a News Roundup story, local media engagement, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

- **2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Rate Announcement**

CMS will release the 2024 Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D Rate Announcement that finalizes policies for the payment year. CMS proposes changes to the MA and Part D payment methodologies for each calendar year after consideration of public comment through an annual advance notice. The advanced notice and rate announcement are annual policymaking vehicles for the Part C and D programs are closely monitored by stakeholders. The comment period closes on Friday, March 3, 2023. Comments will be reviewed and policies will be finalized for the next calendar year. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

Friday, 3/31

- **[TENTATIVE] Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update CMS-1787-P**

CMS' Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update Proposed Rule will display at the Federal Register (3/31/23) with a 60-day comment period. This rule will set routine updates to hospice payments for FY 2024, in accordance with existing statutory and regulatory requirements. There will be a fact sheet and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **[TENTATIVE] Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Proposed Payment Rule - CMS-1779-P**

CMS will release the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System (SNF PPS) proposed rule. It will be displayed at the Federal Register with a 60-day comment period. There will be a fact sheet and internal questions and answers (QAs) planned for this item.

- **Medicare Trustees Report**

The Medicare Boards of Trustees will release their annual report to Congress on the financial operations and actuarial status of the program. The report contains a substantial amount of information on the past and estimated future financial operations of the Hospital Insurance (Medicare Part A) and Supplementary Medical Insurance (Medicare Part B and Prescription Drug Coverage) Trust Funds. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **Missouri Deferral Letter**

CMS will release a Medicaid deferral letter to Missouri regarding longstanding concerns about federal Medicaid financing requirements, specifically FRA hospital taxes. This may represent a hold harmless arrangement, which is prohibited by statute and regulations. There will be a reactive statement for this item.

- **[TENTATIVE] Connecting Kids to Coverage American Indian (AI) and Alaskan Native (AN) Grants**

CMS will announce the grant awards for the Connecting Kids to American Indian/Alaskan Native Coverage Notice of Funding Opportunity. This item will be included in a CMS Roundup.

- **Implementation Date for the Part B Inflation Rebate**

Starting April 1, people with Traditional Medicare may pay a lower coinsurance for some Part B drugs if the drug's price increased faster than the rate of inflation in a benchmark quarter. Rollout strategy under discussion.

- **Speaking Engagement: The Cancer at the Crossroads Summit**

CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in Meyer Consulting LLC's The Cancer at the Crossroads Summit (CCX) 2023. CCS is a one-day international event, convening thought leaders representing stakeholders - academic medical centers, health plans, pharma, health systems/providers, genomics, PBMs, advocacy, government, and the media. Senior executives from oncology and the broader healthcare ecosystem come together to discuss the challenges in moving forward and opportunities/innovation in cancer care.

Saturday, 4/1

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 4/2

- Nothing to report

Monday, 4/3

- **Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Proposed Rule - CMS - 1783-P**

CMS will issue the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) proposed rule for inpatient hospital services provided by inpatient psychiatric facilities. This proposed rule outlines policy and payment changes will display at the Federal Register by April 3, 2023 with a 60-day comment period, and the final rule will display by August 1, 2023. There will be a fact sheet and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **FY 2024 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule - CMS-1781-P**

CMS will issue a proposed rule to update Medicare payment policies and rates under the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) and the IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for fiscal year (FY) 2024. CMS is publishing this proposed rule in accordance with the legal requirements to update Medicare payment policies for IRFs on an annual basis. There will be a fact sheet and social media for this item.

Tuesday, 4/4

- Nothing to report

Wednesday, 4/5

- **Contract Year (CY) 2024 Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D Final Rule (CMS -4201-F)**

CMS will issue the Contract Year 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule (CMS-4201-F). This rule will amend the regulations for the Medicare Advantage (MA)/Part C, Part D, and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) programs. The final rule will implement several new policies that

will strengthen and improve the MA, Prescription Drug Plan, and PACE programs and codify existing sub-regulatory guidance and program updates. There will be a press release, fact sheet, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

Thursday, 4/6

- **[TENTATIVE] Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): CMS Waivers, Flexibilities, and the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**

CMS will publish a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document addressing various issues related to the May 11, 2023, end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) and its impact on various on waivers and flexibilities implemented to address the pandemic. This document will be periodically updated as new FAQs are raised by the public.

- **CMS Administrator Guest Social Security Blog on Medicare Enrollment (Part 1)**

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Friday, 4/7

- **[TENTATIVE] Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule (CMS-1785-P)**

CMS will issue the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Proposed Rule with a 60-day comment period. Medicare makes payments under the IPPS to approximately 3,500 hospital and to approximately 400 LTCHs under the LTCH PPS. There will be a press release, a general fact sheet, internal questions-and-answers, social media, and a listserv announcement for this item.

- **CMS Roundup for April 4, 2023**

CMS will release a Roundup highlighting agency initiatives and activities in a condensed, plain-language, reader-friendly narrative format with embedded links to information on the CMS website for reference. The Roundup is distributed twice a month to media and stakeholders.

Saturday, 4/8

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 4/9

- Nothing to report

Monday, 4/10

- **[TENTATIVE] Illinois Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA)**

CMS will issue a Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Illinois. Free Care SPAs are based on CMS guidance that reversed the “free care rule.” This guidance means that states have the option provide physical and behavioral health care services to any student who is enrolled in Medicaid—and to get

federal Medicaid reimbursement for those services. There will be a press release, listserv message, social media, internal questions-and-answers, and possible event for this item.

- **[TENTATIVE] New Mexico Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA)**
CMS will approve a Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA) for New Mexico. Free Care SPAs are based on CMS guidance that reversed the “free care rule.” This guidance means that states have the option provide physical and behavioral health care services to any student who is enrolled in Medicaid—and to get federal Medicaid reimbursement for those services. There will be a press release, listserv message, social media, internal questions-and-answers, and possible event for this item.
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- **Speaking Engagement: Systems, Leadership, Integration, & Management Committee at Columbia University's Medical School**
CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in Columbia University Medical School's Systems, Leadership, Integration, & Management (SLIM) Committee. The committee aims to expose Columbia medical students to the global issues affecting effective and appropriate healthcare delivery, including access, quality, safety, cost, and payments.

Tuesday, 4/11

- **Speaking Engagement: Virtual Medicare Advantage Summit**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare) will give a pre-recorded fireside chat about Medicare Advantage. Dr. Seshamani's session will air between April 11-14th.

Wednesday, 4/12

- **Speaking Engagement: Qualified Health Plan (QHP) Issuer and State Virtual Event**
CMS' Dr. Ellen Montz (Deputy Administrator & Director, Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)) will participate in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) Issuer and State virtual event. This two-day event is applicable to issuers and states in Federally-facilitated Exchanges (FfEs), including States performing Plan Management functions, State-based Exchanges (SBEs), State-based Exchanges on the Federal platform (SBE-FPs) and Stand-alone Dental Plans (SADPs). It is not open to members of the press or media outlets.

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Friday, 4/14

- **[CLOSE HOLD] [TENTATIVE] Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM): Removal of Hyde Amendment Language in Public Health Service Act (PHSA) Regulations**
CMS will issue a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to remove outdated Hyde Amendment abortion regulations in Medicaid and Public Health Service Act (PHSA) regulations. PHSA regulations apply to the Title X grant program, which supports the delivery of family planning services for low-income and uninsured populations. These regulations are based on previous iterations of the Hyde Amendment and have not been updated to reflect changes in appropriations law since 1979 and 1987. The Medicaid regulations, in particular, are more restrictive than current Hyde Amendment language in that they do not allow for federal reimbursement even in cases of rape and incest. This rulemaking would remove outdated Hyde Amendment abortion regulations. A similar NPRM is also planned for release by the Indian Health Service. There will be a reactive statement for this item. Additional planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

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- Nothing to report

Sunday, 4/16

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- **Final 2024 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters (NBPP)**
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CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in CCI Inc. and McKinsey and Company's East Coast and West Coast Chief

Executive Physician Summit. Dr. Fowler will give an update on the CMMI strategy and prescription drug report.

- **Speaking Engagement: Patients for Affordable Drugs Now Meeting**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare) will participate in a Patients for Affordable Drugs Now Meeting. Dr. Seshamani will discuss the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act.
- **Speaking Engagement: National Rural Oral Health Initiative Task Force**
CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in the National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) National Rural Oral Health Initiative Task Force. The task force is a group of rural oral health professionals formed to study and guide oral health positions. The goal is to focus on policy, communications, education, access to quality care, and research to help spread awareness and prioritize person-centered care in rural communities plagued by oral health issues. Dr. Chalmers will give the keynote.
- **Speaking Engagement; Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) 76th Full Council Meeting**
CMS' Dr. Lee Fleisher (Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ)) will participate in a Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) meeting. Dr. Fleisher will sit on a panel to discuss the federal updates on ending the HIV epidemic activities.

Thursday, 3/30

- **[TENTATIVE] New Jersey FamilyCare Section 1115 Demonstration Extension**
CMS will approve New Jersey's request to extend its FamilyCare Comprehensive Demonstration for five years. This will extend longstanding programs, through various waiver and expenditure authorities, which make up a crucial part of the state's Medicaid system. Approval of this renewal includes the extension of established elements, such as (1) authority for managed care in long-term services and supports and behavioral health services; (2) targeted home and community-based services programs for children and in-home community supports for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities; (3) behavioral health and substance use disorder services; and (4) the extension of full benefits to postpartum individuals enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program for up to 12 months from the last day of an individual's pregnancy. There will be a News Roundup story, local media engagement, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.
- **[TENTATIVE] Connecting Kids to Coverage American Indian (AI) and Alaskan Native (AN) Grants**
CMS will announce the grant awards for the Connecting Kids to American Indian/Alaskan Native Coverage Notice of Funding Opportunity. This item will be included in a CMS Roundup.
- **[CLOSE HOLD] [TENTATIVE] Medicare Statement**
CMS will issue a statement about the coinsurance rates for Part B rebatable drugs. There will be internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

Friday, 3/31

- **2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Rate Announcement**

CMS will release the 2024 Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D Rate Announcement that finalizes policies for the payment year. CMS proposes changes to the MA and Part D payment methodologies for each calendar year after consideration of public comment through an annual advance notice. The advanced notice and rate announcement are annual policymaking vehicles for the Part C and D programs are closely monitored by stakeholders. The comment period closes on Friday, March 3, 2023. Comments will be reviewed and policies will be finalized for the next calendar year. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **[TENTATIVE] Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update CMS-1787-P**

CMS' Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update Proposed Rule will display at the Federal Register (3/31/23) with a 60-day comment period. This rule will set routine updates to hospice payments for FY 2024, in accordance with existing statutory and regulatory requirements. There will be a fact sheet and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **Medicare Trustees Report**

The Medicare Boards of Trustees will release their annual report to Congress on the financial operations and actuarial status of the program. The report contains a substantial amount of information on the past and estimated future financial operations of the Hospital Insurance (Medicare Part A) and Supplementary Medical Insurance (Medicare Part B and Prescription Drug Coverage) Trust Funds. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **Missouri Deferral Letter**

CMS will release a Medicaid deferral letter to Missouri regarding longstanding concerns about federal Medicaid financing requirements, specifically FRA hospital taxes. This may represent a hold harmless arrangement, which is prohibited by statute and regulations. There will be a reactive statement for this item.

- **Speaking Engagement: The Cancer at the Crossroads Summit**

CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in Meyer Consulting LLC's The Cancer at the Crossroads Summit (CCX) 2023. CCS is a one-day international event, convening thought leaders representing stakeholders - academic medical centers, health plans, pharma, health systems/providers, genomics, PBMs, advocacy, government, and the media. Senior executives from oncology and the broader healthcare ecosystem come together to discuss the challenges in moving forward and opportunities/innovation in cancer care.

Saturday, 4/1

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 4/2

- Nothing to report

Monday, 4/3

- **FY 2024 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule - CMS-1781-P**

CMS will issue a proposed rule to update Medicare payment policies and rates under the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) and the IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for fiscal year (FY) 2024. CMS is publishing this proposed rule in accordance with the legal requirements to update Medicare payment policies for IRFs on an annual basis. There will be a fact sheet and social media for this item.

Tuesday, 4/4

- **Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Proposed Rule - CMS - 1783-P**

CMS will issue the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) proposed rule for inpatient hospital services provided by inpatient psychiatric facilities. This proposed rule outlines policy and payment changes will display at the Federal Register by April 3, 2023 with a 60-day comment period, and the final rule will display by August 1, 2023. There will be a fact sheet and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

Wednesday, 4/5

- **Contract Year (CY) 2024 Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D Final Rule (CMS -4201-F)**

CMS will issue the Contract Year 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule (CMS-4201-F). This rule will amend the regulations for the Medicare Advantage (MA)/Part C, Part D, and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) programs. The final rule will implement several new policies that will strengthen and improve the MA, Prescription Drug Plan, and PACE programs and codify existing sub-regulatory guidance and program updates. There will be a press release, fact sheet, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

Thursday, 4/6

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CMS will issue a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to remove outdated Hyde Amendment abortion regulations in Medicaid and Public Health Service Act (PHSA) regulations. PHSA regulations apply to the Title X grant program, which supports the delivery of family planning services for low-income and uninsured populations. These regulations are based on previous iterations of the Hyde Amendment and have not been updated to reflect changes in appropriations law since 1979 and 1987. The Medicaid regulations, in particular, are more restrictive than current Hyde Amendment language in that they do not allow for federal reimbursement even in cases of rape and incest. This rulemaking would remove outdated Hyde Amendment abortion regulations. A similar NPRM is also planned for release by the Indian Health Service. There will be a reactive statement for this item. Additional planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

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- Nothing to report

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Tuesday, 4/18

- **Speaking Engagement: Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 23 Conference and Exhibition**
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CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in an End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network Webinar. There are 18 end-stage kidney disease networks providing quality improvement and

patient grievance support to dialysis providers and patients throughout the country, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Dr. Chalmers will present to these networks, dialysis providers, dialysis/chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients, and kidney transplant patients.

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Subject: CMS Calendar & Rollouts 4.6.23

Hi Team,

CMS' daily comms calendar and rollout updates are below.

NOTE: This calendar/look ahead is close hold in nature and should not be forwarded/shared outside of this group of recipients.

Friendly reminder that these are living documents and the dates are accurate as of the time it is sent - all dates are subject to change.

Do not reply all to this message - If you are aware of any changes/updates to items on the calendar, please let OC know.

Rollouts Today:

- CMS Administrator Guest Social Security Blog on Medicare Enrollment - Part 1

Comms Calendar

Black - Holidays and Moments to Mark

2023 APRIL

SUNDAY

CALENDAR
YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF
WEEK

Red - CBL External Speeches/ Events
Purple – Rollouts/Announcements

Brown - Media/Interviews

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
02	03	04	05	06	07
National Minority Health Month (NMHM)	FY 2024 IRF PPS (CMS-1781-P)	FY 2024 Psych PPS (CMS-1783-P)	HerStory Podcast Release (CBL)	SSA Blog (#1) : CMS Administrator Guest Social	FY 2024 IPPS (CMS-1785-P)
National Public Health Week (4/3-9)		FY 2024 SNF PPS (CMS-1779-P)	CY 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule (CMS-4201-F)	Security Blog on Medicare Enrollment	CMS Roundup
Patient Access Week (4/3-9)		AZ Postpartum Medicaid and CHIP State Plan Amendment Coverage Extensions	Value-Based Insurance Design Model Extension Details		
		NEJM Catalyst - CMS Response to Bates-Berwick Articles	Virtual Regional Pen & Pad: Medicaid Redetermination (Dan, CMCS)		
09	10	11	12	13	14
Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) (4/11-17)	TENTATIVE: Illinois/New Mexico Free Care SPA	BMHW Event with Howard University - Men's Basketball Team (CBL)	HHS 30-Day PHE Countdown Event (CBL)	TENTATIVE: SMDL: Inmate Transitions Guidance to States	
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16	17	18	19	20	21

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23	24	25	26	27	28
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	TENTATIVE (Close Hold): Enhanced Enforcement for Noncompliance Related to Nurse Staffing				
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Three-week look-ahead

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release, fact sheet, social media, listserv announcement, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Annual Public Performance Data**

CMS will post the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) specific performance outcomes report to the Quality, Safety, and Oversight Reports (QCOR) webpage. The requirement to make the measures publicly available was established in the 2020 OPO final rule (85 FR 77898). Posting this data is critical to holding OPOs accountable as a crucial step in reforming the organ donation system. The publication will provide transparency and demonstrate how OPOs compare to each other. Although these standards are not yet enforceable, publication of this information will allow OPOs to compare their organization's performance to other OPOs. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

Tuesday, 4/18

- **[TENTATIVE] Home Health Agency and Hospice Ownership Data Release**

CMS will release Home Health Agency (HHA) and Hospice full ownership data. This is in continuation of previous data releases including Change of Ownership (CHOW) and Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) full ownership last year to improve data transparency. There will social media, a listserv announcement, internal questions and answers (QAs).

- **Speaking Engagement: Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 23 Conference and Exhibition**

CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will speak at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 23 Conference. HIMSS is a global, nonprofit advisor and thought leader supporting the transformation of the health ecosystem through information and technology. HIMSS' vision is to realize the full health potential of every human everywhere.

- **Speaking Engagement: End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network Webinar**

CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in an End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network Webinar. There are 18 end-stage kidney disease networks providing quality improvement and patient grievance support to dialysis providers and patients throughout the country, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Dr. Chalmers will present to these networks, dialysis providers, dialysis/chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients, and kidney transplant patients.

Wednesday, 4/19

- Nothing to report

Thursday, 4/20

- **Rural Emergency Hospitals (REH) Milestone Announcement**

On January 3, 2023, a new provider type, Rural Emergency Hospitals (REH), was implemented to support access to care in rural and underserved communities. Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and small rural hospitals can convert to REH, which may be a more sustainable option for rural hospitals facing closure. Behavioral health services may be provided at REH facilities. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

- **Speaking Engagement: African American Mayors Association Annual Conference**

CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will participate in a fireside chat discussion during the African American Mayors Association (AAMA) Annual Conference. She will be joined by Mayor Justin Bibb (Cleveland, OH) and Mayor Sylvester Turner (Houston, TX) for a conversation about the Administration's strategies for expanding access to quality care and achieving health equity.

- **Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE)**

CMS' Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE) will meet in person from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm ET to hear from CMS speakers on various topics. The APOE panel members will provide recommendations for CMS to consider as we work on outreach and education on these programs. The APOE panel is a Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) panel, and the website with more information is here: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/FACA/APOE>.

Friday, 4/21

- **[TENTATIVE] Missouri Notice Letter**

CMS will release a Medicaid deferral letter to Missouri regarding longstanding concerns about federal Medicaid financing requirements, specifically FRA hospital taxes. This may represent a hold harmless arrangement, which is prohibited by statute and regulations. There will be a reactive statement for this item.

- **CMS Roundup for April 21, 2023**

CMS will release a Roundup highlighting agency initiatives and activities in a condensed, plain-language, reader-friendly narrative format with embedded links to information on the CMS website for reference. The Roundup is distributed twice a month to media and stakeholders.

Saturday, 4/22

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 4/23

- Nothing to report

Monday, 4/24

- **Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM): Assuring Access to Medicaid Services**

CMS will issue a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), entitled "Assuring Access to Medicaid Services" (CMS-2442-P), that includes provisions to enhance Medicaid beneficiaries' access to health care services across fee-for-service, managed care, and home and community-based services delivery systems. The proposed regulatory improvements will affect access to care by increasing transparency and accountability, and by promoting standardized data and monitoring. The NPRM also includes opportunities for states to leverage active beneficiary engagement in their Medicaid programs. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

- **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM): Medicaid Managed Care State Directed Payments and In Lieu of Services**

CMS will release a proposed rule that would add additional parameters under managed care delivery systems related to access to care requirements, states' use of In Lieu of Services or Settings, state directed payments, quality rating systems, and other policy and reporting changes to ensure the

efficient operation of state managed care programs. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

- **[CLOSE HOLD] Enhanced Enforcement for Noncompliance Related to Nurse Staffing**
CMS will release a memo titled Enhanced Enforcement for Noncompliance Related to Nurse Staffing to the Policy Memos to State and Regions portion of cms.gov. This memo announces immediate action to ensure that residents are receiving the quality of care they deserve by increasing civil monetary penalties in cases where poor resident outcomes resulted from low nursing home staffing. This action is being taken as part of the Administration's priority to improving the safety and quality of care in nursing homes, as outlined in a White House Fact Sheet. There will be a news alert for this item.
- **Long-Term Care (LTC) Minimum Staffing Standards & Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency (CMS 3342-P)**
CMS will issue a proposed rule on staffing standards for nurses working in a long-term care facility based on input from the 2022 Nursing Home Staffing Study. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.
- **Speaking Engagement: 2023 American Hospital Association (AHA) Annual Membership Meeting**
CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will participate in the American Hospital Association (AHA) Annual Membership Meeting. The meeting brings together members from across the country to provide industry updates, education, and an opportunity for networking.

Tuesday, 4/25

- **Rhode Island Postpartum Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program State Plan Amendment Coverage Extensions**
CMS will approve postpartum coverage extension state plan amendments (SPAs) for Rhode Island. The state will receive SPA approval to extend postpartum coverage for individuals enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program--an opportunity made possible by the American Rescue Plan. This approval marks 32 states and D.C. that have extended postpartum Medicaid/CHIP coverage to a full year. There will be a social media, targeted media outreach, and a News Roundup story for this item.
- **Quarterly National Stakeholder Call with CMS Administrator**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, and her leadership team will provide an update on CMS' recent accomplishments and how the cross-cutting initiatives are advancing CMS' Strategic Plan. CMS serves the public as a trusted partner and steward dedicated to promoting health equity, expanding coverage, and improving health outcomes as we engage the communities we serve throughout the policymaking and implementation process.
- **Speaking Engagement: Dental Trade Alliance Conference**
CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in the Dental Trade Alliance Conference. The conference aims to educate Dental Trade Alliance members on federal policy and regulations in the interest of oral healthcare and how to advocate nationally. Dr. Chalmers will speak about the priorities of CMS and oral health initiatives across CMS.

Wednesday, 4/26

- **Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Continuous Enrollment Partner Education Series (April 2023)**
CMS will host the April 2023 monthly webinar to educate stakeholders and help them prepare for the upcoming Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Continuous enrollment unwinding period. Included for awareness only. There is no planned media for this item.


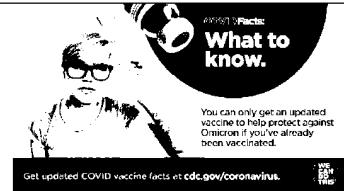

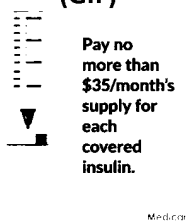
Thursday, 4/27

- **Speaking Engagement: Dear Health Care - Do Better**
CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will speak at the Join United States of Care on the 5-year anniversary as they convene an influential collective of trailblazers at the intersection of health care, policy and advocacy, and private sector innovation for a critical conversation to drive change for an equitable health care system.
- **Speaking Engagement: Survey Executive Training Institute (SETI) 2023**
CMS' Dr. Lee Fleisher (Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ)) will participate in the Survey Executive Training Institute (SETI) 2023. Dr. Fleisher will speak at the annual meeting of all state agency directors in Baltimore and cover CCSQ's plans and priorities.
- **Johns Hopkins Population Health Forum on the Care of Medicare Beneficiaries with Diabetes**
CMS' Dr. Lee Fleisher (Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ)) will participate in Johns Hopkins Population Health Forum on the Care of Medicare Beneficiaries with Diabetes. Dr. Fleisher will be the keynote speaker.
- **Speaking Engagement: Virtual Summit: Advancing Equity Through Value-Based Care**
CMS' Dr. Dora Hughes (Chief Medical Officer, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in the Humanity Talent Network's (HTN) Virtual Summit: Advancing Equity Through Value-Based Care. The summit is a forum for senior healthcare and life sciences leaders to engage in meaningful discourse around value-based care. It focuses on best practices in forming effective partnerships with other care givers or accountable care organizations (ACOs) to share data and enhance patient outcomes, leveraging patient data in order to align incentives with quality of care, and discusses effective rollouts of value-based care delivery plans and how to market your strategic differentiation vs fee-for-service plans. Dr. Hughes will be a keynote speaker.

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DATE	CBL SOCIAL	SOCIAL GRAPHIC
Monday, January 23	Health Care Value Week Join me virtually at 11 am EST today for #HCValueWeek to learn about the progress, opportunity, and remaining work to be done advancing coordinated care and #HealthEquity. Learn more and register here: [HYPERLINK " https://registration.eventsair.com/vbps/comp/Site/Register " \t "_blank"]	
Tuesday, January 24	COVID Protection you got from your primary COVID vaccine series can wane over time. But updated vaccines are now available. Find updated vaccines at [HYPERLINK " https://t.co/jDq2UIHFmT " \t "_blank"].	
Wednesday, January 25	Final Enrollment Snapshot Over 16 million people signed up for 2023 health care coverage during #MarketplaceOE. We are proud that this Open Enrollment & the continued financial help due to the #InflationReductionAct enabled a historic number of people to sign up for quality, affordable health care.	(GIF) 
Thursday, January 26	HHS Twitter Take over RETWEET Copy TBD	
Thursday, January 26	CA 1115 – Currently being reviewed by SMEs	(TBD)
Friday, January 26	IRA Insulin and Vaccines Starting Jan. 1 this year, insulin costs in Medicare Part D are capped at \$35 for a month's supply of each covered insulin. Learn more about this change to Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage: [HYPERLINK " https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/insulin " \t "_blank"]	(GIF) 

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Subject: Daily Comms/Rollouts Update 1.17.23

Hi Team,

Daily comms calendar and rollout update are below.

NOTE: This calendar/look-ahead is close hold in nature and should not be forwarded/shared outside of this group of recipients.

Friendly reminder that these are living documents and the dates are accurate as of the time it is sent - all dates are subject to change.

Please visit the **OC Rollouts Dashboard** for color-coded status updates and clearance deadlines for your upcoming rollouts.

- Green is on track
- Yellow has potential challenges
- ████ are at risk.

If an upcoming Tier 1 or 2 rollout is missing please alert your OC strategic comms lead to add it to SharePoint immediately.

Rollouts Today:

- 2023 ACO REACH, KCC Model Participants, and MSSP Announcement

Comms Calendar

2023 JANUARY

CALENDAR
YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

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FIRST DAY OF
WEEK

Black - Holidays and Moments to
Mark

Red - CBL External Speeches/ Events
Purple – Rollouts/Announcements

Brown - Media/Interviews

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15	FEDERAL HOLIDAY: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	2023 ACO Participation (MSSP, ACO REACH and Kidney Care Choices)	TENTATIVE: Updates to Nursing Home Care Compare (Part I) (8am)	Drug Pricing Executive Order Report	TENTATIVE: Coverage of Certain Preventive Services under the Affordable Care Act (CMS-9903)
		HHS Secretary Meeting with Advocates on Medicaid Unwinding			
		Prior Authorization Listening Session with U.S. Surgeon General & CMS Administrator			
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Health Care Value Week (1/23-27)	ACBL Health Care Value Week Performance Year 2023 Shared Savings Program Rollout Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving Redistribution of Medicaid Payments Bulletin TENTATIVE (Pending Publication): CMS Patient Safety Op-Ed - First Do No Harm (CCSQ)	Final Biweekly National Snapshot Release - Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) Enrollment Data TENTATIVE: California Medicaid Reentry Section 1115 Demonstration	TENTATIVE: End of the Year Accomplishments Fact Sheet RADV Final Rule CMS-4185 TENTATIVE: Rural Emergency Hospital Appendix O, FAQs, QSO Memo, Exhibit Attestation Template, Exhibit Action Plan Template TENTATIVE: Press Call, CMS Quarterly Update	ACA 6101 Nursing Facility Ownership Disclosure NPRM
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Regional Trip to Jacksonville and Miami, Florida (Jonathan, OA)

Blog: Medicare's Role in Rural Health on CMS.gov

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American Heart Month			2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Advance Notice	Program Guidance for Medicare Part B and Part D Inflation Rebates	Wear Red Day
Patient Recognition Week (1/1-1/7)			Part D Catastrophic Cost Sharing, Premium Stabilization, Insulins, Vaccines, LIS Expansion		National Women Physician Day
			Public Release of Acute Hospital Care at Home Data Set		
			TENTATIVE (Pending Publication): NEJM Perspective Blog - Aligning Quality Measures Across CMS (CM, CCSQ, CMMI, CMCS)		
			TENTATIVE (Pending Publication): CMS Administrator Guest Social		

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TENTATIVE: White Paper-Telehealth	NRHA's Rural Health Policy Institute (CBL)				

Three-week look-ahead

Tuesday, 1/17

- **2023 Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (REACH) Model, the Kidney Care Choices (KCC) Model, and the Medicare Shared Savings Program participants (MSSP) Announcement**

CMS will announce the organizations participating in the Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (REACH) Model, the Kidney Care Choices (KCC) Model, and the Medicare Shared Savings Program participants (MSSP). The ACO REACH Model is intended to improve the quality of care for people with Medicare through better care coordination, reaching and connecting health care providers and beneficiaries, including those beneficiaries who are underserved. The KCC Model offers strong financial incentives for health care providers to manage the care for Medicare beneficiaries with chronic kidney disease (CKD) stages 4 and 5 and ESRD, to delay the onset of dialysis and to incentivize kidney transplantation. This item will include a reactive statement, press release, fact sheets, internal questions-and-answers, listserv posting, and social media.

- **HHS Secretary Meeting with Advocates on Medicaid Unwinding**
CMS will attend and support a meeting hosted by Secretary Becerra with stakeholders to discuss Medicaid and CHIP Continuous Enrollment unwinding. There is no planned media for this item.
- **Prior Authorization Listening Session with U.S. Surgeon General & CMS Administrator**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure and U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy will host a listening session to hear directly from health care clinicians about the impact prior authorization has on their practices and how that impacts patient care. Media will be in attendance at the session. There will be a press call, social media, and listserv message for this item.
- **Speaking Engagement: January Meeting of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Board of Trustees**
CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in the January Meeting of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Board of Trustees. CalPERS manages the health care for over 600,000 California state and public sector employees and their dependents. Our health plans care for over 1.6 million covered lives.

Wednesday, 1/18

- **[TENTATIVE] Updates to Nursing Home Care Compare (Part I) - Adjusting Erroneous Schizophrenia Coding and Posting Citations Under Dispute**
CMS will release a Quality, Safety, and Oversight (QSO) memo outlining actions taken in alignment with a White House fact sheet to improve the transparency of nursing home performance and target poor practices for diagnosing residents with schizophrenia and reducing antipsychotics. The QSO memo will post on 1/10/23, and data will be on Nursing Home Care Compare as part of its 1/25/23 refresh. For the 1/10 memo posting there will be a press release, internal questions and answers (QAs), and social media for this item.

Thursday, 1/19

- **Drug Pricing Executive Order Report**
CMS will submit a report to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy on any new CMS Innovation Center models that the secretary has selected to test to lower drug prices. The report was required per executive order to be delivered within 90 days. Following the submission of the report, the CMS Innovation Center will test the models discussed. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.
- **Speaking Engagement: American Hospital Association (AHA) Provider-Sponsored Health Plan Advisory Committee meeting**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Director, Center for Medicare) will speak at an American Hospital Association provider group meeting on Medicare Advantage: Expectations and Vision for the Next 5 Years. The audience will include 12-15 CEOs and other senior executives of an advisory committee comprised of health systems that sponsor health plans, including Medicare Advantage plans.

Friday, 1/20

- **Speaking Engagement: American Dental Association Council on Government Affairs Meeting**
CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in the American Dental Association Council on Government Affairs Meeting. Dr. Chalmers will provide updates from CMS.

- **[TENTATIVE] Coverage of Certain Preventive Services under the Affordable Care Act (CMS-9903)**

CMS will issue the Coverage of Certain Preventive Services under the Affordable Care Act (CMS-9903) rule. This rule will propose amendments to the final rules regarding religious and moral exemptions and accommodations regarding coverage of certain preventive services under Title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

Saturday, 1/21

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 1/22

- Nothing to report

Monday, 1/23

- **Performance Year 2023 Shared Savings Program Rollout**
CMS will make a public announcement of Alternative Payment Model participation for performance year 2023. CMS will post participation statistics for performance year 2023 and public use files, which will provide more detailed information into the Accountable Care Organizations and their participants. There will be a press release and blog for this item.
- **Informational Bulletin: Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving Redistribution of Medicaid Payments Bulletin**
CMS will release an informational bulletin on Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving the Redistribution of Medicaid Payments. There will be a reactive statement, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.
- **[TENTATIVE: Pending Publication] CMS Patient Safety Op-Ed - First Do No Harm**
CMS will place an op-ed that discusses the agency's goals for patient safety. Authored by Dr. Lee Fleisher (Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality), Michelle Schreiber, and CMS Deputy Principal Administrator Jon Blum, the op-ed will discuss the agency's recent participation in the Health & Human Services Patient Safety Listening Session. It will share how CMS plans to use the information gathered during the listening sessions to continue working towards the goal of zero harm, as outlined in the National Quality Strategy. There will be social media, an ICYMI, and listserv message for this item.
- **Speaking Engagement: ACBL Health Care Value Week**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will provide pre-recorded remarks during the Health Care Value Week virtual event.
- **Speaking Engagement: Value Week Fireside Chat**
CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare) will participate in Health Care Value Week. Dr. Fowler will give a virtual Fireside Chat on the Future of Value-Based Primary Care.

- **Speaking Engagement: American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) Meeting**
CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) Meeting. Dr. Chalmers will discuss and focus on oral health priorities at CMS.
- **Speaking Engagement: Annual Critical Care Congress 2023**
CMS' Dr. Lee Fleisher (Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality) will participate in the Annual Critical Care Congress 2023. Dr. Fleisher will attend as a concurrent session participant and discuss The Ecosystem of Healthcare Post-Pandemic and national efforts to curb intensive care unit (ICU) burnout.

Tuesday, 1/24

- **2023 National Quarterly Calls with the CMS Administrator**
CMS will host a national stakeholder quarterly call with CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure. These calls provide an opportunity for CMS to share information related to policies or initiatives with the stakeholder community. They are intended for all stakeholders who interact with CMS programs, policies, or initiatives, or who work with providers, beneficiaries, or consumers who rely on CMS services.
- **Speaking Engagement: Commonwealth Care Alliance Board of Director's Retreat**
CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in the Commonwealth Care Alliance® (CCA) Board of Director's Retreat. CCA is a not-for-profit, integrated care system influencing innovative models of complex care nationwide and singularly focused on sustainable and evidence-based healthcare breakthroughs that fill gaps in care and improve the health and well-being of people with significant needs, including advocating for affordable, high-quality, and cost-effective healthcare policies that lead to healthcare equity for the individuals who need it most.

Wednesday, 1/25

- **Final Biweekly National Snapshot Release - Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) Enrollment Data**
CMS will release its latest bi-weekly enrollment snapshots that provide point-in-time estimates of current plan selections for new and returning consumers to HealthCare.gov and CuidadoDeSalud.gov. This update, part of recurring bi-weekly national snapshots for open enrollment, includes data from states that utilize the platform and state-based Marketplaces. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and social media for this item.
- **[TENTATIVE] California Medicaid Reentry Section 1115 Demonstration**
CMS will approve a Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration for California to provide limited Medicaid services for justice-involved individuals. CMS is approving authority for a range of pre-release health services for up to 90 days prior to release for certain incarcerated individuals in state prisons and jails, and all individuals in youth correctional facilities. There will be a press release, social media, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.
- **Speaking Engagement: Health Care Value Week**

CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare) will participate in Health Care Value Week. Dr. Seshamani will have a fireside chat with Susan Dentzer of America's Physician Groups and discuss CMS' work to move providers to value-based care during a virtual value-based payments summit special edition plenary session.

- **Speaking Engagement: Health Care Value Week**

CMS' Dr. Dora Hughes (Chief Medical Officer, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation) will participate in a Health Care Value Week concurrent session titled "Lessons Learned and What's Next for Primary Care Transformation".

- **Stakeholder Call: Medicaid and CHIP Continuous Enrollment Unwinding - What to Know and How to Prepare, A Partner Education Month Series (January 2023)**

CMS will host a monthly webinar series that works to educate stakeholders and help them prepare for the upcoming Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Continuous Enrollment Unwinding.

Thursday, 1/26

- **[TENTATIVE]- End of the Year Accomplishments Fact Sheet and Blog**

CMS will release an updated accomplishments fact sheet and blog for 2022. Both will also highlight future planning.

- **Risk Adjustment Data Validation (RADV) Final Rule (CMS-4185)**

CMS will issue the Medicare Risk Adjustment Data Validation (RADV) final rule. The rule proposes to improve program efficiency and payment accuracy in Medicare Advantage (MA). The proposed rule includes proposals to: (1) extrapolate Medicare RADV overpayments, starting with the payment year 2011 contract-level audits; and (2) not apply a fee-for-service (FFS) adjuster to the RADV overpayment determinations. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

- **Rural Emergency Hospital Appendix O; Frequently Asked Questions; Quality, Safety, and Oversight Memo; Exhibit Attestation Template; and Exhibit Action Plan Template**

CMS will release guidance for the Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) provisions of care, the conversion process for eligible facilities, and a newly developed Appendix O, which outlines survey guidelines and the Conditions of Participations (CoPs) that facilities must meet to participate in the Medicare program. The guidance is being provided in response to the establishment of REHs as a new Medicare provider type, effective 1/1/23, in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the final rule (CMS-1772FC) published by CMS on November 23, 2022. This rule finalized the CoPs, as well as enrollment and payment policies, for REHs. This information will be posted on the CMS website and is intended to provide information to providers and surveyors on the process for enrollment and certification as REHs. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

- **Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Stakeholder Call**

CMS' Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) will host a stakeholder call for Critical Access Hospital (CAH) stakeholders focused on 1) defining the primary road (two in each direction - simple message), 2) the process for CAH distance determinations within CMS so providers can make informed decisions, 3) the review of recertifications and the allowable transition period if unfavorable notification, 4) rural emergency hospital (REH) information, and 5) next steps post public health emergency (PHE). This call will be closed to the press.

- **Speaking Engagement: Health Care Value Week**
CMS' Dan Tsai (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Services) will participate in a Health Care Value Week.

Friday, 1/27

- **Affordable Care Act (ACA) 6101 Nursing Facility Ownership Disclosure Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)**
CMS will issue an Affordable Care Act (ACA) 6101 Nursing Facility Ownership Disclosure Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM). This proposed rule would implement portions of section 6101(a) of the Affordable Care Act, which requires the disclosure of certain ownership, managerial, and other information regarding Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and Medicaid nursing facilities (NFs) to provide more transparency into nursing home ownership and other arrangements. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.
- **Speaking Engagement: Health Economist Roundtable**
CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will join quarterly off-the-record discussions with leading health economists sponsored by No Patient Left Behind. No Patient Left Behind is dedicated to creating and maintaining patient access to affordable drugs by holding both insurance and drug companies accountable for their policies and practices.

Saturday, 1/28

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 1/29

- Nothing to report

Monday, 1/30

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2023 FEBRUARY

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YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY
FIRST DAY OF
WEEK

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Three-week look-ahead

Wednesday, 1/18

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CMS will release a Quality, Safety, and Oversight (QSO) memo outlining actions taken to increase transparency of nursing home oversight enforcement and crack down on inappropriate prescribing practices as part of the White House initiative to improve the safety and quality of care at the nation's nursing homes. The QSO memo will post on 1/18/23, and data will start appearing on Nursing Home Care Compare after its 1/25/23 refresh. For the 1/18 memo posting, there will be a press release, internal questions-and-answers, and social media for this item.

Thursday, 1/19

- **Speaking Engagement: American Hospital Association (AHA) Provider-Sponsored Health Plan Advisory Committee meeting**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Director, Center for Medicare) will speak at an American Hospital Association provider group meeting on Medicare Advantage: Expectations and Vision for the Next 5

Years. The audience will include 12-15 CEOs and other senior executives of an advisory committee comprised of health systems that sponsor health plans, including Medicare Advantage plans.

Friday, 1/20

- **Speaking Engagement: American Dental Association Council on Government Affairs Meeting**
CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in the American Dental Association Council on Government Affairs Meeting. Dr. Chalmers will provide updates from CMS.

Saturday, 1/21

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 1/22

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Monday, 1/23

- **Drug Pricing Executive Order Report**
CMS will submit a report to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy on any new CMS Innovation Center models that the secretary has selected to test to lower drug prices. The report was required per executive order to be delivered within 90 days. Following the submission of the report, the CMS Innovation Center will test the models discussed. There will be a press release, fact sheet, social media, listserv announcement, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.
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Tuesday, 1/24

- **2023 National Quarterly Calls with the CMS Administrator**
CMS will host a national stakeholder quarterly call with CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure. These calls provide an opportunity for CMS to share information related to policies or initiatives with the stakeholder community. They are intended for all stakeholders who interact with CMS programs, policies, or initiatives, or who work with providers, beneficiaries, or consumers who rely on CMS services.
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- **Final Biweekly National Snapshot Release - Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) Enrollment Data**
CMS will release its latest bi-weekly enrollment snapshots that provide point-in-time estimates of current plan selections for new and returning consumers to HealthCare.gov and CuidadoDeSalud.gov. This update, part of recurring bi-weekly national snapshots for open enrollment, includes data from states that utilize the platform and state-based Marketplaces. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and social media for this item.
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Value Week
(1/23-27)

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Publication): CMS
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Drug Pricing
Executive Order
Report

Final Biweekly
National Snapshot
Release - Federally
Facilitated
Marketplace (FFM)
Enrollment Data

TENTATIVE:
California
Medicaid Reentry
Section 1115
Demonstration

The Hill's Virtual
Event - Expanding
Adult Vaccine
Access (CBL)

TENTATIVE: End of
the Year
Accomplishments

RADV Final Rule
CMS-4185

SHO Letter:
Medicaid
Continuous
Enrollment
Updates in the
Consolidated
Appropriations
Act, 2023

TENTATIVE: CMS
Quarterly Update
Press Call

TENTATIVE:
Coverage of
Certain Preventive
Services under the
Affordable Care
Act (CMS-9903)

TENTATIVE: ACA
6101 Nursing
Facility Ownership
Disclosure NPRM

Regional Trip to
Jacksonville and
Miami, Florida
(Jonathan, OA)

Blog: Medicare's
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American
Heart Month

Patient
Recognition
Week (1/1-1/7)

2024 Medicare
Advantage and
Part D Advance
Notice

IRA: Program
Guidance for
Medicare Part B
and Part D
Inflation Rebates

Wear Red Day

National Women
Physician Day

Public Release of
Acute Hospital
Care at Home Data
Set

TENTATIVE
(Pending
Publication): NEJM
Perspective Blog -
Aligning Quality
Measures Across
CMS (CM, CCSQ,
CMMI, CMCS)

TENTATIVE
(Pending
Publication): CMS
Administrator
Guest Social
Security Blog on
Medicare
Enrollment

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TENTATIVE: White
Paper-Telehealth

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State of the Union

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NRHA's Rural
Health Policy
Institute (CBL)

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Three-week look-ahead

Thursday, 1/19

- **Speaking Engagement: American Hospital Association (AHA) Provider-Sponsored Health Plan Advisory Committee meeting**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Director, Center for Medicare) will speak at an American Hospital Association provider group meeting on Medicare Advantage: Expectations and Vision for the Next 5 Years. The audience will include 12-15 CEOs and other senior executives of an advisory committee comprised of health systems that sponsor health plans, including Medicare Advantage plans.

Friday, 1/20

- **Speaking Engagement: American Dental Association Council on Government Affairs Meeting**
CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in the American Dental Association Council on Government Affairs Meeting. Dr. Chalmers will provide updates from CMS.
- **Speaking Engagement: Aspen Group Meeting**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare) will join an Aspen Group meeting to discuss key priorities, including Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Medicare Advantage (MA), and Value-Based Care.

Saturday, 1/21

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 1/22

- Nothing to report

Monday, 1/23

- **Informational Bulletin: Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving Redistribution of Medicaid Payments Bulletin**
CMS will release an informational bulletin on Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving the Redistribution of Medicaid Payments. There will be a reactive statement, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.
- **[TENTATIVE: Pending Publication] CMS Patient Safety Op-Ed - First Do No Harm**
CMS will place an op-ed that discusses the agency's goals for patient safety. Authored by Dr. Lee Fleisher (Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality), Michelle Schreiber, and CMS Deputy Principal Administrator Jon Blum, the op-ed will discuss the agency's recent participation in the Health & Human Services Patient Safety Listening Session. It will share how CMS plans to use the information gathered during the listening sessions to continue working towards the goal of zero harm, as outlined in the National Quality Strategy. There will be social media, an ICYMI, and listserv message for this item.
- **Speaking Engagement: ACBL Health Care Value Week**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will provide pre-recorded remarks during the Health Care Value Week virtual event.
- **Speaking Engagement: Health Care Value Week**
CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare) will participate in Health Care Value Week. Dr. Fowler will discuss the Future of Value-Based Primary Care.
- **Speaking Engagement: Health Care Value Week**
CMS' Dr. Dora Hughes (Chief Medical Officer, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation) will participate in Health Care Value Week. Dr. Hughes will be a discussion session titled "Lessons Learned and What's Next for Primary Care Transformation."

- **Speaking Engagement: American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) Meeting**
CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) Meeting. Dr. Chalmers will discuss and focus on oral health priorities at CMS.
- **Speaking Engagement: Annual Critical Care Congress 2023**
CMS' Dr. Lee Fleisher (Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality) will participate in the Annual Critical Care Congress 2023. Dr. Fleisher will attend as a concurrent session participant and discuss The Ecosystem of Healthcare Post-Pandemic and national efforts to curb intensive care unit (ICU) burnout.

Tuesday, 1/24

- **2023 National Quarterly Calls with the CMS Administrator**
CMS will host a national stakeholder quarterly call with CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure. These calls provide an opportunity for CMS to share information related to policies or initiatives with the stakeholder community. They are intended for all stakeholders who interact with CMS programs, policies, or initiatives, or who work with providers, beneficiaries, or consumers who rely on CMS services.
- **Speaking Engagement: Commonwealth Care Alliance Board of Director's Retreat**
CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in the Commonwealth Care Alliance® (CCA) Board of Director's Retreat. CCA is a not-for-profit, integrated care system influencing innovative models of complex care nationwide and singularly focused on sustainable and evidence-based healthcare breakthroughs that fill gaps in care and improve the health and well-being of people with significant needs, including advocating for affordable, high-quality, and cost-effective healthcare policies that lead to healthcare equity for the individuals who need it most.

Wednesday, 1/25

- **Drug Pricing Executive Order Report**
CMS will submit a report to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy on any new CMS Innovation Center models that the secretary has selected to test to lower drug prices. The report was required per executive order to be delivered within 90 days. Following the submission of the report, the CMS Innovation Center will test the models discussed. There will be a press release, fact sheet, social media, listserv announcement, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.
- **Final Biweekly National Snapshot Release - Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) Enrollment Data**
CMS will release its latest bi-weekly enrollment snapshots that provide point-in-time estimates of current plan selections for new and returning consumers to HealthCare.gov and CuidadoDeSalud.gov. This update, part of recurring bi-weekly national snapshots for open enrollment, includes data from states that utilize the platform and state-based Marketplaces. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and social media for this item.
- **[TENTATIVE] California Medicaid Reentry Section 1115 Demonstration**

CMS will approve a Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration for California to provide limited Medicaid services for justice-involved individuals. CMS is approving authority for a range of pre-release health services for up to 90 days prior to release for certain incarcerated individuals in state prisons and jails, and all individuals in youth correctional facilities. There will be a press release, social media, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

- **Speaking Engagement: Health Care Value Week**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare) will participate in Health Care Value Week. Dr. Seshamani will have a fireside chat with Susan Dentzer of America's Physician Groups and discuss CMS' work to move providers to value-based care during a virtual value-based payments summit special edition plenary session.
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CMS' Dr. Dora Hughes (Chief Medical Officer, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation) will participate in a Health Care Value Week concurrent session titled "Lessons Learned and What's Next for Primary Care Transformation".
- **Speaking Engagement: Moss Adams Event**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Director, Center for Medicare) and CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation) will participate in a Moss Adams event. Dr. Seshamani and Dr. Fowler will have a conversation with Susan Dentzer of Americas Physician Groups and discuss their joint work to move providers to value-based care.
- **Speaking Engagement: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council Meeting**
CMS' Dr. Natlia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council Meeting. Dr. Chalmers will address the key CMS' Chief Dental Officer has played in CMS' work.
- **Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Continuous Enrollment Partner Education Series**
CMS will host the January 2023 monthly webinar to educate stakeholders and help them prepare for the upcoming Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Continuous enrollment unwinding period.

Thursday, 1/26

- **Speaking Engagement: The Hill Virtual Event - Expanding Adult Vaccine Access**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will participate in a live 1:1 interview with Bob Cusack, Editor-in-Chief for The Hill, as part of their virtual event on Expanding Adult Vaccine Access. The interview will focus on discussing the IRA vaccine provisions and how they're being implemented, in addition to other ongoing CMS efforts to make vaccines easier to access.
- **[TENTATIVE] End of the Year Accomplishments**
CMS will release an updated accomplishments fact sheet and blog for 2022. Both will also highlight future planning.
- **Risk Adjustment Data Validation (RADV) Final Rule (CMS-4185)**

CMS will issue the Medicare Risk Adjustment Data Validation (RADV) final rule. The rule proposes to improve program efficiency and payment accuracy in Medicare Advantage (MA). The proposed rule includes proposals to: (1) extrapolate Medicare RADV overpayments, starting with the payment year 2011 contract-level audits; and (2) not apply a fee-for-service (FFS) adjuster to the RADV overpayment determinations. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

- **State Health Official Letter - Medicaid Continuous Enrollment Updates in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023**
CMS will issue a state health official letter on COVID-19 unwinding. The letter will address condition changes on continuous enrollment, conditions for receiving increased federal medical assistance percentages, reporting requirements, and enforcement provisions. There will be a news roundup story, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.
- **CMS Quarterly Update Press Call**
CMS will host its first quarterly update press call to provide reporters with recent news and more information on topics such as the inflation reduction act (IRA) and redetermination.
- **Speaking Engagement: Health Care Value Week**
CMS' Dan Tsai (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Services) will participate in the Health Care Value Week at the special edition of the Virtual Value-Based Payment Summit.
- **Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Stakeholder Call**
CMS' Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) will host a stakeholder call for Critical Access Hospital (CAH) stakeholders focused on 1) defining the primary road (two in each direction - simple message), 2) the process for CAH distance determinations within CMS so providers can make informed decisions, 3) the review of recertifications and the allowable transition period if unfavorable notification, 4) rural emergency hospital (REH) information, and 5) next steps post public health emergency (PHE). This call will be closed to the press.

Friday, 1/27

- **[TENTATIVE] Coverage of Certain Preventive Services under the Affordable Care Act (CMS-9903)**
CMS will issue the Coverage of Certain Preventive Services under the Affordable Care Act (CMS-9903) rule. This rule will propose amendments to the final rules regarding religious and moral exemptions and accommodations regarding coverage of certain preventive services under Title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.
- **Affordable Care Act (ACA) 6101 Nursing Facility Ownership Disclosure Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)**
CMS will issue an Affordable Care Act (ACA) 6101 Nursing Facility Ownership Disclosure Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM). This proposed rule would implement portions of section 6101(a) of the Affordable Care Act, which requires the disclosure of certain ownership, managerial, and other information regarding Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and Medicaid nursing facilities (NFs) to provide more transparency into nursing home ownership and other arrangements. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

- **Speaking Engagement: Health Economist Roundtable**

CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will join quarterly off-the-record discussions with leading health economists sponsored by No Patient Left Behind. No Patient Left Behind is dedicated to creating and maintaining patient access to affordable drugs by holding both insurance and drug companies accountable for their policies and practices.

Saturday, 1/28

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 1/29

- Nothing to report

Monday, 1/30

- Nothing to report

Tuesday, 1/31

- **CMS Principal Deputy Administrator Regional Trip to Jacksonville and Miami, Florida**
CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will participate in a three-day visit to Jacksonville and Miami, Florida and attend meetings: 1) First Coast Service Options Exec leadership and Program Management team, and Florida Blue's Exec leadership; 2) tour Jackson Memorial Hospital Diagnostic Treatment Center and roundtable with Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of Miami Hospital Health System; 3) Office of Inspector General (OIG) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Law Enforcement to discuss the Miami Strike Force body of work and collaboration with CMS; 4) shadowing the Miami Strike Force surveillance operation; 5) Miami-Dade County Mayor and local government officials to hear concerns impacting immigrants and equity access to healthcare; 6) navigators on coverage and enrollment challenges and successes; 7) tour of the Miami Infectious Disease Elimination Act (IDEA) Exchange syringe exchange operation; 8) behavioral health roundtable with mental health providers and advocates; 9) tour of Camillus House treatment service operation; 10) Community Health providers to discuss community health efforts, resources, and Community Health Workers; 11) Center for Program Integrity (CPI) staff.
- **Blog: Medicare's Role in Rural Health**
CMS will post a blog on rural health in Medicare. There is no planned media for this item.
- **Speaking Engagement: Price of Good Health - Annual Conference**
CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in the Council for Affordable Health Coverage's Price of Good Health - Annual Conference. This multi-stakeholder coalition aims to reduce the cost of healthcare for all Americans.
- **Final Marketplace Open Enrollment Partner and Assistants Webinar**
CMS Partner Relations Group (PRG) will hold the final Marketplace Open Enrollment Partner and Assistants Webinar. Administration officials will meet with stakeholders and assistants to provide them information and updates on the Marketplace Open Enrollment.

Wednesday, 2/1

- 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Advance Notice**
 CMS will release the 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Advance Notice. Each year, CMS reports expected updates to the Medicare Advantage payment growth rates and proposes changes to the Medicare Advantage and Part D payment methodologies, including risk adjustment, for the next calendar year (CY). This includes updates for the Medicare Advantage and Part D Star Ratings and solicitations for input on potential measure topics and measures for future rating years. In addition to the 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D rule, the statutorily mandated Advance Notice and subsequent Rate Announcement are the most significant annual policymaking vehicles for the Medicare Advantage and Part D programs. Stakeholders closely monitor these documents and strongly advocate in support of, or for changes to, proposed policies during the comment period. There will be a press release, fact sheet, social media, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.
- Public Release of Acute Hospital Care at Home Data Set**
 CMS will make available, upon request, data from the Acute Hospital Care at Home (AHCAH) data set. CMS collected this data directly from individual hospitals on either a weekly or monthly basis, as part the hospitals' voluntary commitment to be involved in the AHCAH waiver. The data includes 14 months' of information in two finders' files for the period from November 2020-December 2021. One file contains patient-specific data, as well as claims aggregation and eligibility data of Medicare Fee-for-Service and non-managed Medicaid beneficiaries who have been provided acute care by hospitals across the country with an approved AHCAH waiver. The second file includes hospital-specific information related to the number admissions to the home setting, the number of patient escalations of care from the home to the hospital, and the number of unexpected patient mortalities. File release is pending publication in JAMA of a companion article under development. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.
- [TENTATIVE: Pending Publication] New England Journal of Medicine Perspective - Aligning Quality Measures Across CMS, the Universal Foundation**
 CMS will publish a perspective piece in the New England Journal of Medicine discussing a universal foundation of quality metrics. As part of the CMS National Quality Strategy and Medicare Value-based Care Strategy, CMS is committed to aligning measures across all of our programs and ensuring the agency measures quality across the entire care continuum in a way that promotes the best, safest, and most equitable care for all individuals. In this perspective piece, CMS will outline its approach to a universal foundation for quality metrics, which would help achieve these goals. There is no planned media for this item.
- [TENTATIVE: Pending Publication] CMS Administrator Guest Social Security Blog on Medicare Enrollment**
 CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will have a guest blog published for Social Security Matters. The Administrator will convey to over 400,000 Social Security Matters subscribers on the basics of Medicare -- when to apply, how to apply, tools and options to consider. There will be social media for this item.
- Speaking Engagement: Healthy People Oral Health Webinar**
 CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in a Healthy People 2030 oral health webinar.

Thursday, 2/2

- **Program Guidance for Medicare Part B and Part D Inflation Rebates**

CMS will issue draft guidance with a corresponding comment period on key aspects of the Part B and Part D inflation rebate program. Topics addressed will include the rebate invoicing process, 340B unit exclusion, and rebate reductions/waivers due to shortages/severe supply chain disruptions, as well as final guidance for implementing key definitions and processes for the Part B Coinsurance Adjustment. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

Friday, 2/3

- Nothing to report

Saturday, 2/4

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 2/5

- Nothing to report

Monday, 2/6

- **White Paper - Telehealth**

CMS will issue a white paper, entitled "Exploring Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Within Telehealth." Written by the Healthcare Fraud Prevention Partnership (HFPP), the paper will provide an overview of fraud, waste, and abuse in the context of telehealth. The paper provides strategies and actions for health care payers to consider and apply in their anti-fraud efforts. It also Describes methods for communication, detection, analytical, educational, and early mitigation. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

Tuesday, 2/7

- **Speaking Engagement: NRHA's Rural Health Policy Institute**

CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will provide remarks during the National Rural Health Association's Rural Health Policy Institute. Her session will focus on how CMS is seeking to improve health and health care in rural areas of the country through innovations in Medicare and Medicaid.

Wednesday, 2/8

- Nothing to report

Thursday, 2/9

- **Speaking Engagement: Connecting Kids to Coverage National Oral Health Webinar**

CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will present on a Connecting Kids to Coverage webinar for National Children's Health Month.

- **Speaking Engagement: Oral Health Disparities and Inequities (OHDI) Research Think Tank**

CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Office) will present to the Oral Health Disparities and Inequities (OHDI) Research Think Tank, part of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

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CMS will issue a state health official letter on COVID-19 unwinding. The letter will address condition changes on continuous enrollment, conditions for receiving increased federal medical assistance percentages, reporting requirements, and enforcement provisions. There will be a news roundup story, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

- **Secretary Xavier Becerra Press Event on Vaccinations**

CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani will join Secretary Xavier Becerra in an event at a senior center that mostly serves the Latino community in the Washington, D.C. area. The senior center is hosting a pop-up vaccination clinic where a few seniors will get their shots - COVID, flu, and shingles. Dr. Seshamani's remarks will highlight COVID-19 vaccination availability and the new vaccine benefit from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Administration for Community Living's (ACL) Administrator Alison Barkoff is also participating. Media will be in attendance.

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CMS' Dan Tsai (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Services) will participate in the Health Care Value Week at the special edition of the Virtual Value-Based Payment Summit.

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CMS' Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) will host a stakeholder call for Critical Access Hospital (CAH) stakeholders focused on 1) defining the primary road (two in each direction - simple

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Friday, 1/27

- **[TENTATIVE] Coverage of Certain Preventive Services under the Affordable Care Act (CMS-9903)**
CMS will issue the Coverage of Certain Preventive Services under the Affordable Care Act (CMS-9903) rule. This rule will propose amendments to the final rules regarding religious and moral exemptions and accommodations regarding coverage of certain preventive services under Title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.
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- **Speaking Engagement: Health Economist Roundtable**
CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will join quarterly off-the-record discussions with leading health economists sponsored by No Patient Left Behind. No Patient Left Behind is dedicated to creating and maintaining patient access to affordable drugs by holding both insurance and drug companies accountable for their policies and practices.

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- Nothing to report

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Monday, 1/30

- Nothing to report

Tuesday, 1/31

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CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will participate in a three-day visit to Jacksonville and Miami, Florida and attend meetings: 1) First Coast Service Options Exec leadership and Program Management team, and Florida Blue's Exec leadership; 2) tour Jackson Memorial Hospital Diagnostic Treatment Center and roundtable with Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of

Miami Hospital Health System; 3) Office of Inspector General (OIG) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Law Enforcement to discuss the Miami Strike Force body of work and collaboration with CMS; 4) shadowing the Miami Strike Force surveillance operation; 5) Miami-Dade County Mayor and local government officials to hear concerns impacting immigrants and equity access to healthcare; 6) navigators on coverage and enrollment challenges and successes; 7) tour of the Miami Infectious Disease Elimination Act (IDEA) Exchange syringe exchange operation; 8) behavioral health roundtable with mental health providers and advocates; 9) tour of Camillus House treatment service operation; 10) Community Health providers to discuss community health efforts, resources, and Community Health Workers; 11) Center for Program Integrity (CPI) staff.

- **Blog: Medicare's Role in Rural Health**

CMS will post a blog on rural health in Medicare. There is no planned media for this item.

- **Speaking Engagement: Price of Good Health - Annual Conference**

CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in the Council for Affordable Health Coverage's Price of Good Health - Annual Conference. This multi-stakeholder coalition aims to reduce the cost of healthcare for all Americans.

- **Final Marketplace Open Enrollment Partner and Assistants Webinar**

CMS Partner Relations Group (PRG) will hold the final Marketplace Open Enrollment Partner and Assistants Webinar. Administration officials will meet with stakeholders and assistants to provide them information and updates on the Marketplace Open Enrollment.

Wednesday, 2/1

- **2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Advance Notice**

CMS will release the 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Advance Notice. Each year, CMS reports expected updates to the Medicare Advantage payment growth rates and proposes changes to the Medicare Advantage and Part D payment methodologies, including risk adjustment, for the next calendar year (CY). This includes updates for the Medicare Advantage and Part D Star Ratings and solicitations for input on potential measure topics and measures for future rating years. In addition to the 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D rule, the statutorily mandated Advance Notice and subsequent Rate Announcement are the most significant annual policymaking vehicles for the Medicare Advantage and Part D programs. Stakeholders closely monitor these documents and strongly advocate in support of, or for changes to, proposed policies during the comment period. There will be a press release, fact sheet, social media, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

- **Informational Bulletin: Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving Redistribution of Medicaid Payments Bulletin**

CMS will release an informational bulletin on Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving the Redistribution of Medicaid Payments. There will be a reactive statement, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

- **[TENTATIVE: Pending Publication] New England Journal of Medicine Perspective - Aligning Quality Measures Across CMS, the Universal Foundation**

CMS will publish a perspective piece in the New England Journal of Medicine discussing a universal foundation of quality metrics. As part of the CMS National Quality Strategy and Medicare Value-based Care Strategy, CMS is committed to aligning measures across all of our programs and ensuring the agency measures quality across the entire care continuum in a way that promotes the best, safest, and

most equitable care for all individuals. In this perspective piece, CMS will outline its approach to a universal foundation for quality metrics, which would help achieve these goals. There is no planned media for this item.

- **[TENTATIVE: Pending Publication] CMS Administrator Guest Social Security Blog on Medicare Enrollment**

CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will have a guest blog published for Social Security Matters. The Administrator will convey to over 400,000 Social Security Matters subscribers on the basics of Medicare -- when to apply, how to apply, tools and options to consider. There will be social media for this item.

- **Speaking Engagement: Healthy People Oral Health Webinar**

CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in a Healthy People 2030 oral health webinar.

Thursday, 2/2

- **Program Guidance for Medicare Part B and Part D Inflation Rebates**

CMS will issue draft guidance with a corresponding comment period on key aspects of the Part B and Part D inflation rebate program. Topics addressed will include the rebate invoicing process, 340B unit exclusion, and rebate reductions/waivers due to shortages/severe supply chain disruptions, as well as final guidance for implementing key definitions and processes for the Part B Coinsurance Adjustment. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

Friday, 2/3

- Nothing to report

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Sunday, 2/5

- Nothing to report

Monday, 2/6

- **[TENTATIVE] White Paper - Telehealth**

CMS will issue a white paper, entitled "Exploring Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Within Telehealth." Written by the Healthcare Fraud Prevention Partnership (HFPP), the paper will provide an overview of fraud, waste, and abuse in the context of telehealth. The paper provides strategies and actions for health care payers to consider and apply in their anti-fraud efforts. It also Describes methods for communication, detection, analytical, educational, and early mitigation. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

Tuesday, 2/7

- **[TENTATIVE: Pending Publication] CMS Patient Safety Op-Ed - First Do No Harm**

CMS will place an op-ed that discusses the agency's goals for patient safety. Authored by Dr. Lee Fleisher (Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality), Michelle Schreiber, and CMS Deputy Principal Administrator Jon Blum, the op-ed will discuss the agency's recent participation in the Health & Human Services Patient Safety Listening Session. It will share how CMS plans to use the information gathered during the listening sessions to continue working towards the goal of zero harm, as outlined in the National Quality Strategy. There will be social media, an ICYMI, and listserv message for this item.

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CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will provide remarks during the National Rural Health Association's Rural Health Policy Institute. Her session will focus on how CMS is seeking to improve health and health care in rural areas of the country through innovations in Medicare and Medicaid.

Wednesday, 2/8

- Nothing to report

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- **Stakeholder Call on Interoperability Proposed Rule**
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Thursday, 2/2

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Friday, 2/10

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Sunday, 2/12

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Monday, 2/13

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Subject: Daily Comms/Rollouts Update 1.24.23

Hi Team,

Daily comms calendar and rollout update are below.

NOTE: This calendar/look-ahead is close hold in nature and should not be forwarded/shared outside of this group of recipients.

Friendly reminder that these are living documents and the dates are accurate as of the time it is sent - all dates are subject to change.

Please visit the [OC Rollouts Dashboard](#) for color-coded status updates and clearance deadlines for your upcoming rollouts.

- Green is on track
- Yellow has potential challenges
- [REDACTED] are at risk.

If an upcoming Tier 1 or 2 rollout is missing please alert your OC strategic comms lead to add it to SharePoint immediately.

Rollouts Today:

- No Tier 1 or 2 rollouts

Comms Calendar

Black - Holidays and Moments to Mark

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Three-week look-ahead

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Subject: Daily Comms/Rollouts Update 1.25.23

Hi Team,

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NOTE: This calendar/look-ahead is close hold in nature and should not be forwarded/shared outside of this group of recipients.

Friendly reminder that these are living documents and the dates are accurate as of the time it is sent - all dates are subject to change.

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Three-week look-ahead

Wednesday, 1/25

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CMS will release its latest bi-weekly enrollment snapshots that provide point-in-time estimates of current plan selections for new and returning consumers to HealthCare.gov and CuidadoDeSalud.gov. This update, part of recurring bi-weekly national snapshots for open enrollment, includes data from states that utilize the platform and state-based Marketplaces. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and social media for this item.
- **Speaking Engagement: Health Care Value Week**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare) will participate in Health Care Value Week. Dr. Seshamani will have a fireside chat with Susan Dentzer of America's Physician Groups and discuss CMS' work to move providers to value-based care during a virtual value-based payments summit special edition plenary session.
- **Speaking Engagement: Health Care Value Week**
CMS' Dr. Dora Hughes (Chief Medical Officer, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation) will participate in a Health Care Value Week concurrent session titled "Lessons Learned and What's Next for Primary Care Transformation".
- **Speaking Engagement: Moss Adams Event**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Director, Center for Medicare) and CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation) will participate in a Moss Adams event. Dr. Seshamani and Dr. Fowler will have a conversation with Susan Dentzer of Americas Physician Groups and discuss their joint work to move providers to value-based care.
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- **Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Continuous Enrollment Partner Education Series**

CMS will host the January 2023 monthly webinar to educate stakeholders and help them prepare for the upcoming Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Continuous enrollment unwinding period.

Thursday, 1/26

- **Speaking Engagement: The Hill Virtual Event - Expanding Adult Vaccine Access**

CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will participate in a live 1:1 interview with Bob Cusack, Editor-in-Chief for The Hill, as part of their virtual event on Expanding Adult Vaccine Access. The interview will focus on discussing the IRA vaccine provisions and how they're being implemented, in addition to other ongoing CMS efforts to make vaccines easier to access.

- **[TENTATIVE] End of the Year Accomplishments**

CMS will release an updated 2023 accomplishments based on the Six Strategic Pillars supported by the 13 Agency Wide Cross Cutting Initiatives (CCIs).

- **California Medicaid Reentry Section 1115 Demonstration**

CMS will approve a Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration for California to provide limited Medicaid services for justice-involved individuals. CMS is approving authority for a range of pre-release health services for up to 90 days prior to release for certain incarcerated individuals in state prisons and jails, and all individuals in youth correctional facilities. There will be a press release, social media, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

- **Guidance for Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) Provisions, Conversion Process, and Conditions of Participation**

CMS will release guidance for the Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) provisions of care, the conversion process for eligible facilities, and a newly developed Appendix O, which outlines survey guidelines and the Conditions of Participations (CoPs) that facilities must meet to participate in the Medicare program. The guidance is being provided in response to establishing REHs as a new Medicare provider type, effective 1/1/23, in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the final rule (CMS-1772FC) published by CMS on November 23, 2022. This rule finalized the CoPs, as well as enrollment and payment policies, for REHs. This information will be posted on CMS.gov and is intended to provide information to providers and surveyors on the process for enrollment and certification as REHs. There will be a listserv message for this item, targeted direct calls to stakeholders, and it will appear in the 1/26 CMS News Roundup.

- **First CMS Roundup**

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- **Secretary Xavier Becerra Press Event on Vaccinations**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani will join Secretary Xavier Becerra in an event at a senior center that mostly serves the Latino community in the Washington, D.C. area. The senior center is hosting a pop-up vaccination clinic where a few seniors will get their shots - COVID, flu, and shingles. Dr. Seshamani's remarks will highlight COVID-19 vaccination availability and the new vaccine benefit from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Administration for Community Living's (ACL) Administrator Alison Barkoff is also participating. Media will be in attendance.
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- **State Health Official Letter - Medicaid Continuous Enrollment Updates in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023**
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CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in a Healthy People 2030 oral health webinar.

Thursday, 2/2

- **Drug Pricing Executive Order Report**

CMS will submit a report to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy on any new CMS Innovation Center models that the secretary has selected to test to lower drug prices. The report was required per executive order to be delivered within 90 days. Following the submission of the report, the CMS Innovation Center will test the models discussed. There will be a press release, fact sheet, social media, listserv announcement, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

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Friday, 2/3

- Nothing to report

Saturday, 2/4

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 2/5

- Nothing to report

Monday, 2/6

- Nothing to report

Tuesday, 2/7

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CMS will issue an Affordable Care Act (ACA) 6101 Nursing Facility Ownership Disclosure Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM). This proposed rule would implement portions of section 6101(a) of the Affordable Care Act, which requires the disclosure of certain ownership, managerial, and other information regarding Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and Medicaid nursing facilities (NFs) to provide more transparency into nursing home ownership and other arrangements. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

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CMS will place an op-ed that discusses the agency's goals for patient safety. Authored by Dr. Lee Fleisher (Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality), Michelle Schreiber, and CMS Deputy Principal Administrator Jon Blum, the op-ed will discuss the agency's recent participation in the Health & Human Services Patient Safety Listening Session. It will share how CMS plans to use the information gathered during the listening sessions to continue working towards the goal of zero harm, as outlined in the National Quality Strategy. There will be social media, an ICYMI, and listserv message for this item.

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CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will provide remarks during the National Rural Health Association's Rural Health Policy Institute. Her session will focus on how CMS is seeking to improve health and health care in rural areas of the country through innovations in Medicare and Medicaid.

Wednesday, 2/8

- Nothing to report

Thursday, 2/9

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Friday, 2/10

- **Informational Bulletin: Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving Redistribution of Medicaid Payments Bulletin**
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Saturday, 2/11

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 2/12

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- **Speaking Engagement: Biopharma Congress**

CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will join The Biopharma Congress conference. The conference is featuring government and industry leaders looking ahead to the most important policy and regulatory issues impacting drug developers from market approval standards to coverage, payment and reimbursement.

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05	06	07	08	09	10
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12	13	14	15	16	17
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Three-week look-ahead

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	02		03		04		05		06		07
	National Minority Health Month (NMHM)	FY 2024 IRF PPS (CMS-1781-P)		FY 2024 Psych PPS (CMS-1783-P)		CY 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule (CMS-4201-F)		TENTATIVE: FY 2024 IPPS (CMS-1785-P)		TENTATIVE: FY 2024 SNF PPS (CMS-1779-P)	
	National Public Health Week (4/3-9)			TENTATIVE (Pending Publication): NEJM Catalyst - CMS Response to Bates-Berwick Articles				TENTATIVE: Home Health Agency and Hospice Ownership Data Release		CMS Roundup	
	Patient Access Week (4/3-9)							TENTATIVE: FAQs: CMS Waivers, Flexibilities, and the End of the COVID-19 PHE			
								SSA Blog (#1) : CMS Administrator Guest Social Security Blog on Medicare Enrollment			
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	Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) (4/11-17)	TENTATIVE: Illinois/New Mexico Free Care SPA		BMHW Event with Howard University - Men's Basketball Team (CBL)				TENTATIVE: NPRM: Drug Misclassification (CMS-2434-P)		TENTATIVE (Close Hold): NPRM: Removal of Hyde Amendment Language in Public Health Service Act (PHSA) Regulations	
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TENTATIVE: BMHW -
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Black Maternal
Health Panel (CBL)

TENTATIVE: Final
2024 Notice of
Benefit and Payment
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(CMS-9899-F)

TENTATIVE:
SMDL: Inmate
Transitions
Guidance to
States

Value-Based
Insurance Design
Model Extension
Details

CMS Roundup

TENTATIVE: Rural
Emergency
Hospitals
Milestone
Announcement

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Equity Data Briefs

Three-week look-ahead

Wednesday, 3/29

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Naxalone, a medication approved by the FDA to rapidly reverse opioid overdoses, will likely become available in an over-the-counter (OTC) version in April 2023 because of action taken by the FDA. Should the FDA take this action, health coverage may change depending on the program, and CMS will communicate the updates and the importance of Naloxone access and coverage to Medicare Advantage plans, state Medicaid programs, and Marketplace issuers. There will be a reactive statement and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.
- **Joint Press Release from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for JAMA Psychiatry Manuscript on the Receipt of Opioid Use Disorder-Related Telehealth Services**
JAMA Psych will publish a joint CMS/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) manuscript on opioid use disorder-related telehealth services. The collaborative research revealed that the expanded availability of opioid use disorder-related telehealth services and medications during the COVID-19 pandemic lowered the likelihood of fatal drug overdose among Medicare beneficiaries. This research brief is a follow on to a joint manuscript posted in JAMA Psychiatry on 8/31/22. CDC is the lead for rolling out the manuscript. CMS will provide support with social media for this item.
- **Speaking Engagement: East Coast and West Coast Chief Executive Physician Summit**
CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in CCI Inc. and McKinsey and Company's East Coast and West Coast Chief Executive Physician Summit. Dr. Fowler will give an update on the CMMI strategy and prescription drug report.
- **Speaking Engagement: Patients for Affordable Drugs Now Meeting**

CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare) will participate in a Patients for Affordable Drugs Now Meeting. Dr. Seshamani will discuss the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act.

- **Speaking Engagement: National Rural Oral Health Initiative Task Force**
CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in the National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) National Rural Oral Health Initiative Task Force. The task force is a group of rural oral health professionals formed to study and guide oral health positions. The goal is to focus on policy, communications, education, access to quality care, and research to help spread awareness and prioritize person-centered care in rural communities plagued by oral health issues. Dr. Chalmers will give the keynote.
- **Speaking Engagement; Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) 76th Full Council Meeting**
CMS' Dr. Lee Fleisher (Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ)) will participate in a Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) meeting. Dr. Fleisher will sit on a panel to discuss the federal updates on ending the HIV epidemic activities.

Thursday, 3/30

- **New Jersey FamilyCare Section 1115 Demonstration Extension**
CMS will approve New Jersey's request to extend its FamilyCare Comprehensive Demonstration for five years. This will extend longstanding programs, through various waiver and expenditure authorities, which make up a crucial part of the state's Medicaid system. Approval of this renewal includes the extension of established elements, such as (1) authority for managed care in long-term services and supports and behavioral health services; (2) targeted home and community-based services programs for children and in-home community supports for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities; (3) behavioral health and substance use disorder services; and (4) the extension of full benefits to postpartum individuals enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program for up to 12 months from the last day of an individual's pregnancy. There will be a News Roundup story, local media engagement, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.
- **Connecting Kids to Coverage American Indian (AI) and Alaskan Native (AN) Grants**
CMS will announce the grant awards for the Connecting Kids to American Indian/Alaskan Native Coverage Notice of Funding Opportunity. This item will be included in a CMS Roundup.
- **[CLOSE HOLD] [TENTATIVE] Medicare Statement**
CMS will issue a statement about the coinsurance rates for Part B rebatable drugs. There will be internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

Friday, 3/31

- **2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Rate Announcement**
CMS will release the 2024 Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D Rate Announcement that finalizes policies for the payment year. CMS proposes changes to the MA and Part D payment methodologies for each calendar year after consideration of public comment through an annual advance notice. The advanced notice and rate announcement are annual policymaking vehicles for the Part C and D programs are closely monitored by stakeholders. The comment period closes on Friday, March 3, 2023.

Comments will be reviewed and policies will be finalized for the next calendar year. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **[TENTATIVE] Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update CMS-1787-P**

CMS' Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update Proposed Rule will display at the Federal Register (3/31/23) with a 60-day comment period. This rule will set routine updates to hospice payments for FY 2024, in accordance with existing statutory and regulatory requirements. There will be a fact sheet and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **Spring 2023 Medicare Trustees Report**

The Medicare Boards of Trustees will release their annual report to Congress on the financial operations and actuarial status of the program. The report contains a substantial amount of information on the past and estimated future financial operations of the Hospital Insurance (Medicare Part A) and Supplementary Medical Insurance (Medicare Part B and Prescription Drug Coverage) Trust Funds. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **Speaking Engagement: The Cancer at the Crossroads Summit**

CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in Meyer Consulting LLC's The Cancer at the Crossroads Summit (CCX) 2023. CCS is a one-day international event, convening thought leaders representing stakeholders - academic medical centers, health plans, pharma, health systems/providers, genomics, PBMs, advocacy, government, and the media. Senior executives from oncology and the broader healthcare ecosystem come together to discuss the challenges in moving forward and opportunities/innovation in cancer care.

Saturday, 4/1

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 4/2

- Nothing to report

Monday, 4/3

- **FY 2024 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule - CMS-1781-P**

CMS will issue a proposed rule to update Medicare payment policies and rates under the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) and the IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for fiscal year (FY) 2024. CMS is publishing this proposed rule in accordance with the legal requirements to update Medicare payment policies for IRFs on an annual basis. There will be a fact sheet and social media for this item.

Tuesday, 4/4

- **Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Proposed Rule - CMS - 1783-P**

CMS will issue the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) proposed rule for inpatient hospital services provided by inpatient psychiatric facilities. This proposed rule outlines policy and payment changes will display at the Federal Register by April 3, 2023 with a 60-day comment period, and the final rule will display by August 1, 2023. There will be a fact sheet and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

Wednesday, 4/5

- **Contract Year (CY) 2024 Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D Final Rule (CMS -4201-F)**
CMS will issue the Contract Year 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule (CMS-4201-F). This rule will amend the regulations for the Medicare Advantage (MA)/Part C, Part D, and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) programs. The final rule will implement several new policies that will strengthen and improve the MA, Prescription Drug Plan, and PACE programs and codify existing sub-regulatory guidance and program updates. There will be a press release, fact sheet, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

Thursday, 4/6

- **[TENTATIVE] Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule (CMS-1785-P)**
CMS will issue the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Proposed Rule with a 60-day comment period. Medicare makes payments under the IPPS to approximately 3,500 hospital and to approximately 400 LTCHs under the LTCH PPS. There will be a press release, a general fact sheet, internal questions-and-answers, social media, and a listserv announcement for this item.
- **[TENTATIVE] Home Health Agency and Hospice Ownership Data Release**
CMS will release Home Health Agency (HHA) and Hospice full ownership data. This is in continuation of previous data releases including Change of Ownership (CHOW) and Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) full ownership last year to improve data transparency. There will social media, a listserv announcement, internal questions and answers (QAs).
- **[TENTATIVE] Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): CMS Waivers, Flexibilities, and the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**
CMS will publish a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document addressing various issues related to the May 11, 2023, end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) and its impact on various on waivers and flexibilities implemented to address the pandemic. This document will be periodically updated as new FAQs are raised by the public.
- **CMS Administrator Guest Social Security Blog on Medicare Enrollment (Part 1)**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will have a guest blog published for Social Security Matters. The Administrator will convey to over 400,000 Social Security Matters subscribers on the basics of Medicare -- when to apply, how to apply, tools and options to consider. There will be social media for this item.

Friday, 4/7

- **[TENTATIVE] Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Proposed Payment Rule - CMS-1779-P**

CMS will release the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System (SNF PPS) proposed rule. It will be displayed at the Federal Register with a 60-day comment period. There will be a fact sheet and internal questions and answers (QAs) planned for this item.

- **CMS Roundup for April 7, 2023**

CMS will release a Roundup highlighting agency initiatives and activities in a condensed, plain-language, reader-friendly narrative format with embedded links to information on the CMS website for reference. The Roundup is distributed twice a month to media and stakeholders.

Saturday, 4/8

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 4/9

- Nothing to report

Monday, 4/10

- **[TENTATIVE] Illinois Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA)**
CMS will issue a Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Illinois. Free Care SPAs are based on CMS guidance that reversed the “free care rule.” This guidance means that states have the option provide physical and behavioral health care services to any student who is enrolled in Medicaid—and to get federal Medicaid reimbursement for those services. There will be a press release, listserv message, social media, internal questions-and-answers, and possible event for this item.
- **[TENTATIVE] New Mexico Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA)**
CMS will approve a Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA) for New Mexico. Free Care SPAs are based on CMS guidance that reversed the “free care rule.” This guidance means that states have the option provide physical and behavioral health care services to any student who is enrolled in Medicaid—and to get federal Medicaid reimbursement for those services. There will be a press release, listserv message, social media, internal questions-and-answers, and possible event for this item.
- **Organ Transplantation Affinity Group (OTAG) Public Launch**
CMS and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will announce the formation of its first collaborative Organ Transplantation Affinity Group (OTAG). The launch will introduce five goals for organ transplantation system improvement. Jean and Suma Nair will author a blog, and there will also be a patient journey map illustrating the transplantation journey, challenges, and actions to take along the way for this item.
- **Speaking Engagement: Systems, Leadership, Integration, & Management Committee at Columbia University's Medical School**
CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in Columbia University Medical School's Systems, Leadership, Integration, & Management (SLIM) Committee. The committee aims to expose Columbia medical students to the global issues affecting effective and appropriate healthcare delivery, including access, quality, safety, cost, and payments.

Tuesday, 4/11

- **Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) Event with Howard University**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will participate in a Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) Event with Howard University - Men's Basketball Team.
- **Speaking Engagement: Virtual Medicare Advantage Summit**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare) will give a pre-recorded fireside chat about Medicare Advantage. Dr. Seshamani's session will air between April 11-14th.

Wednesday, 4/12

- **Speaking Engagement: Qualified Health Plan (QHP) Issuer and State Virtual Event**
CMS' Dr. Ellen Montz (Deputy Administrator & Director, Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)) will participate in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) Issuer and State virtual event. This two-day event is applicable to issuers and states in Federally-facilitated Exchanges (FFE), including States performing Plan Management functions, State-based Exchanges (SBEs), State-based Exchanges on the Federal platform (SBE-FPs) and Stand-alone Dental Plans (SADPs). It is not open to members of the press or media outlets.

Thursday, 4/13

- **[TENTATIVE] Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)--Medicaid Drug Misclassification, Beneficiary Access Protection, and Drugs Program Administration**
CMS will release the Medicaid Drug Misclassification, Beneficiary Access Protection, & Drugs Program Administration notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM). This NPRM proposes new regulatory definitions for single-source drug, innovator multiple-source drug, and potentially non-innovator multiple source drugs. Additionally, the NPRM will propose the imposition of Civil Money Penalty on manufacturers that report incorrect price or product information, or knowingly misclassify/submit incorrect drug product information. It also will propose states recover unpaid rebate payments, and that the Secretary may exclude a manufacture from participation in any federal health care program if they knowingly misclassifies a drug and fail to correct such misclassification, or if they knowingly provide false drug pricing or product info. There will be a fact sheet, social media, listserv message, internal questions-and-answers, and embargoed interview for this item.
- **CMS Administrator Guest Social Security Blog on Medicare Enrollment (Part 2)**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will have a guest blog published for Social Security Matters. The Administrator will convey to over 400,000 Social Security Matters subscribers on the basics of Medicare -- when to apply, how to apply, tools and options to consider. Included for awareness only.
- **Speaking Engagement: 4x24 Healthcare Group Dinner**
CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will join the 4x24 Executive Dinner Series. The 4x24 Healthcare Group Dinner provides an opportunity for like-minded leaders in the government contracting industry to network and collaborate with one another in a cooperative fashion. Each meeting has an outside speaker to discuss the latest related happenings in our market space.

Friday, 4/14

- **[CLOSE HOLD] [TENTATIVE] Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM): Removal of Hyde Amendment Language in Public Health Service Act (PHSA) Regulations**
CMS will issue a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to remove outdated Hyde Amendment abortion regulations in Medicaid and Public Health Service Act (PHSA) regulations. PHSA regulations apply to the Title X grant program, which supports the delivery of family planning services for low-income and uninsured populations. These regulations are based on previous iterations of the Hyde Amendment and have not been updated to reflect changes in appropriations law since 1979 and 1987. The Medicaid regulations, in particular, are more restrictive than current Hyde Amendment language in that they do not allow for federal reimbursement even in cases of rape and incest. This rulemaking would remove outdated Hyde Amendment abortion regulations. A similar NPRM is also planned for release by the Indian Health Service. There will be a reactive statement for this item. Additional planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.
- **[TENTATIVE] Missouri Notice Letter**
CMS will release a Medicaid deferral letter to Missouri regarding longstanding concerns about federal Medicaid financing requirements, specifically FRA hospital taxes. This may represent a hold harmless arrangement, which is prohibited by statute and regulations. There will be a reactive statement for this item.

Saturday, 4/15

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 4/16

- Nothing to report

Monday, 4/17

- **Final 2024 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters (NBPP)**
CMS will release the Final 2024 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters (NBPP). CMS is finalizing some of the standards in the proposed rule for states, Exchanges, and issuers in the individual and small-group markets. This final proposed rule will publish in the Federal Register. There will be a press release, fact sheet, social media, listserv announcement, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

Tuesday, 4/18

- **Speaking Engagement: Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 23 Conference and Exhibition**
CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will speak at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 23 Conference. HIMSS is a global, nonprofit advisor and thought leader supporting the transformation of the health ecosystem through information and technology. HIMSS' vision is to realize the full health potential of every human everywhere.
- **Speaking Engagement: End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network Webinar**
CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in an End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network Webinar. There are 18 end-stage kidney disease networks providing quality improvement and

patient grievance support to dialysis providers and patients throughout the country, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Dr. Chalmers will present to these networks, dialysis providers, dialysis/chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients, and kidney transplant patients.

Wednesday, 4/19

- **[TENTATIVE] State Medicaid Director Letter on Inmate Transitions Guidance to States**
CMS will issue a State Medicaid Director Letter (SMDL) to states that will provide them with information on a new Medicaid section 1115 demonstration for short term coverage of Medicaid services to individuals transitioning out of incarceration. This guidance is being issued as required by section 5032 of the SUPPORT Act. There will be a press release, social media, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

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Subject: Daily Comms/Rollouts Update 1.31.23

Hi Team,

Daily comms calendar and rollout update are below.

NOTE: This calendar/look-ahead is close hold in nature and should not be forwarded/shared outside of this group of recipients.

Friendly reminder that these are living documents and the dates are accurate as of the time it is sent - all dates are subject to change.

Please visit the [OC Rollouts Dashboard](#) for color-coded status updates and clearance deadlines for your upcoming rollouts.

- Green is on track
- Yellow has potential challenges
- ████ are at risk.

If an upcoming Tier 1 or 2 rollout is missing please alert your OC strategic comms lead to add it to SharePoint immediately.

Rollouts Today:

- No Tier 1 or Tier 2 rollouts

Comms Calendar

Black - Holidays and Moments to Mark

2023 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

CALENDAR
YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF
WEEK

Red - CBL External Speeches/ Events
Purple – Rollouts/Announcements

Brown - Media/Interviews

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			01	02	03
Black History Month	Coverage of Certain Preventive Services under the Affordable Care Act (CMS-9903)	Regional Trip to Jacksonville and Miami, Florida (Jonathan, OA)	2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Advance Notice	Drug Pricing Executive Order Report	Wear Red Day
Black Disability Month					National Women Physician Day
American Heart Month	RADV Final Rule CMS-4185		NEJM Perspective Blog - Aligning Quality Measures Across CMS (CM, CCSQ, CMMI, CMCS)		TENTATIVE (Close Hold): Consensus Based Entity Contract Award (CCSQ)
Patient Recognition Week (1/1-1/7)					TENTATIVE: CMS Blog: Medicare's Role in Rural Health
05	06	07	08	09	10
	State of the Union	TENTATIVE: ACA 6101 Nursing Facility Ownership Disclosure NPRM	TENTATIVE: IRA: Program Guidance for Medicare Part B and Part D Inflation Rebates	TENTATIVE: IB: Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving Redistribution of Medicaid Payments	
	NRHA's Rural Health Policy Institute (CBL)		CMS Roundup		
12	13	14	15	16	17

		AMA's National Advocacy Conference (CBL)	TENTATIVE (Pending Publication): CMS Administrator Guest Social Security Blog on Medicare Enrollment		National Caregivers Day
19	20	21	22	23	24
	FEDERAL HOLIDAY: President's Day				

Three-week look-ahead

Tuesday, 1/31

- CMS Principal Deputy Administrator Regional Trip to Jacksonville and Miami, Florida**
 CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will begin a three-day visit to Jacksonville and Miami, Florida and attend meetings: 1) First Coast Service Options Exec leadership and Program Management team, and Florida Blue's Exec leadership; 2) tour Jackson Memorial Hospital Diagnostic Treatment Center and roundtable with Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of Miami Hospital Health System; 3) Office of Inspector General (OIG) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Law Enforcement to discuss the Miami Strike Force body of work and collaboration with CMS; 4) shadowing the Miami Strike Force surveillance operation; 5) Miami-Dade County Mayor and local government officials to hear concerns impacting immigrants and equity access to healthcare; 6) navigators on coverage and enrollment challenges and successes; 7) tour of the Miami Infectious Disease Elimination Act (IDEA) Exchange syringe exchange operation; 8) behavioral health roundtable with mental health providers and advocates; 9) tour of Camillus House treatment service operation; 10) Community Health providers to discuss community health efforts, resources, and Community Health Workers; 11) Center for Program Integrity (CPI) staff.
- Speaking Engagement: Price of Good Health - Annual Conference**
 CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in the Council for Affordable Health Coverage's Price of Good Health - Annual Conference. This multi-stakeholder coalition aims to reduce the cost of healthcare for all Americans.
- Final Marketplace Open Enrollment Partner and Assistors Webinar**
 CMS will host its final event with Champions for Coverage organizations, Navigators, Certified Application Assistors, Agents & Brokers, Partners, and other Stakeholders for the Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment Period from November 1, 2022, through January 15, 2023. CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will open the webinar with a "Thank You" message to the stakeholders. During this event, CMS will share 2023 Marketplace Open Enrollment updates and resources to help consumers understand and use their health coverage.

Wednesday, 2/1

- 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Advance Notice**
 CMS will release the 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D Advance Notice. Each year, CMS reports expected updates to the Medicare Advantage payment growth rates and proposes changes to the

Medicare Advantage and Part D payment methodologies, including risk adjustment, for the next calendar year (CY). This includes updates for the Medicare Advantage and Part D Star Ratings and solicitations for input on potential measure topics and measures for future rating years. In addition to the 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D rule, the statutorily mandated Advance Notice and subsequent Rate Announcement are the most significant annual policymaking vehicles for the Medicare Advantage and Part D programs. Stakeholders closely monitor these documents and strongly advocate in support of, or for changes to, proposed policies during the comment period. There will be a press release, fact sheet, social media, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

- **New England Journal of Medicine Perspective - Aligning Quality Measures Across CMS, the Universal Foundation**

CMS will publish a perspective piece in the New England Journal of Medicine discussing a universal foundation of quality metrics. As part of the CMS National Quality Strategy and Medicare Value-based Care Strategy, CMS is committed to aligning measures across all of our programs and ensuring the agency measures quality across the entire care continuum in a way that promotes the best, safest, and most equitable care for all individuals. In this perspective piece, CMS will outline its approach to a universal foundation for quality metrics, which would help achieve these goals. There is no planned media for this item.

- **Speaking Engagement: Healthy People Oral Health Webinar**

CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in a Healthy People 2030 oral health webinar.

Thursday, 2/2

- **Drug Pricing Executive Order Report**

CMS will submit a report to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy on any new CMS Innovation Center models that the secretary has selected to test to lower drug prices. The report was required per executive order to be delivered within 90 days. Following the submission of the report, the CMS Innovation Center will test the models discussed. There will be a press release, fact sheet, social media, listserv announcement, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

Friday, 2/3

- **[CLOSE HOLD] Consensus-Based Entity Contract Award**

The week of January 30, CMS will award a new contract for the Consensus-Based Entity (CEB) Contract. Section 183 of the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) of 2008 requires the Secretary of the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) to contract with a CBE to accomplish various duties on health care performance measurement, including, establishing a priority setting process for measure development, endorsing and maintaining measures, convening key stakeholders to make recommendations, and submitting a report to Congress on an annual basis. There will be a reactive statement and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **Blog: Medicare's Role in Rural Health**

CMS will release a blog addressing rural health inequities in Medicare. Addressing rural health inequities is a cornerstone of the CMS' effort to improve health equity. CMS believes health equity is the attainment of the highest level of health for all people, whereby every person has a fair and just opportunity to attain optimal health regardless of their race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, preferred language, and geography— including whether they

live in a rural or underserved community. CMS' commitment to rural health equity is reflected in the recently published CMS Framework for Advancing Health Care in Rural, Tribal, and Geographically Isolated Communities. There will be social media and a listserv announcement for this item.

Saturday, 2/4

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 2/5

- Nothing to report

Monday, 2/6

- Nothing to report

Tuesday, 2/7

- **Speaking Engagement: National Rural Health Association's (NRHA's) Rural Health Policy Institute**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will provide remarks during the National Rural Health Association's Rural Health Policy Institute. Her session will focus on how CMS is seeking to improve health and health care in rural areas of the country through innovations in Medicare and Medicaid.

Wednesday, 2/8

- **[TENTATIVE] Affordable Care Act (ACA) 6101 Nursing Facility Ownership Disclosure Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)**
CMS will issue an Affordable Care Act (ACA) 6101 Nursing Facility Ownership Disclosure Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM). This proposed rule would implement portions of section 6101(a) of the Affordable Care Act, which requires the disclosure of certain ownership, managerial, and other information regarding Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and Medicaid nursing facilities (NFs) to provide more transparency into nursing home ownership and other arrangements. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

Thursday, 2/9

- **Program Guidance for Medicare Part B and Part D Inflation Rebates**
CMS will issue draft guidance with a corresponding comment period on key aspects of the Part B and Part D inflation rebate program. Topics addressed will include the rebate invoicing process, 340B unit exclusion, and rebate reductions/waivers due to shortages/severe supply chain disruptions, as well as final guidance for implementing key definitions and processes for the Part B Coinsurance Adjustment. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.
- **CMS Roundup (February 9, 2023)**
CMS will release a Roundup highlighting agency initiatives and activities in a condensed, plain-language, reader-friendly narrative format with embedded links to information on the CMS website for reference. The Roundup is distributed twice a month to media and stakeholders.

- **Speaking Engagement: Connecting Kids to Coverage National Oral Health Webinar**
CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will present on a Connecting Kids to Coverage webinar for National Children's Health Month.
- **Speaking Engagement: Oral Health Disparities and Inequities (OHDI) Research Think Tank**
CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Office) will present to the Oral Health Disparities and Inequities (OHDI) Research Think Tank, part of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.
- **Stakeholder Call on Interoperability Proposed Rule**
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Three-week look-ahead

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FIRST DAY OF WEEK

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Black Disability Month			NEJM Perspective Blog - Aligning Quality Measures Across CMS (CM, CCSQ, CMMI, CMCS)		National Women Physician Day
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(IRA) Blog: Drug
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Hospital Price
Transparency
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Blog

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CMS Roundup

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CMS Patient
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First Do No
Harm (CCSQ)**

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Quarterly Update
Press Call

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Department of
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Public Charge Final
Rule

Families First
Coronavirus
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Three-week look-ahead

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TENTATIVE: ACA 6101 Nursing Facility Ownership Disclosure NPRM	AMA's National Advocacy Conference (CBL) TENTATIVE: Drug Pricing Executive Order Report	TENTATIVE: The End of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) An Overview Fact Sheet	National Caregivers Day TENTATIVE: IB: Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving Redistribution of Medicaid Payments	
		TENTATIVE: NCD (Close Hold) CCSQ TENTATIVE (Pending Publication): CMS Administrator Guest Social Security Blog on Medicare Enrollment TENTATIVE: [Tracking for Clearance] Hospital Price Transparency Health Affairs Blog		
19 FEDERAL HOLIDAY: President's Day	20	21	22 1st HHS Black Health Summit - Black Health Matters (CBL)	23 CMS Roundup
		TENTATIVE (Pending Publication): CMS Patient Safety Op-Ed - First Do No Harm (CCSQ)	TENTATIVE: (IRA) Blog: Drug Spending Dashboard (OEDA)	24

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Health
Emergency (PHE)
and Termination
of 1135
Emergency
Waivers

Three-week look-ahead

Wednesday, 2/8

- **[CLOSE HOLD] Consensus-Based Entity Contract Award Made Public**

On February 6th, CMS awarded a new contract for the Consensus-Based Entity (CBE) Contract, and on February 8th, the information will be made public. Section 183 of the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) of 2008 requires the Secretary of the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) to contract with a CBE to accomplish various duties on health care performance measurement, including, establishing a priority setting process for measure development, endorsing and maintaining measures, convening key stakeholders to make recommendations, and submitting a report to Congress on an annual basis. There will be a reactive statement and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **Speaking Engagement: Milken Institute FasterCures First Cup**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare) will participate in Milken Institute's FasterCures First Cup invitation only breakfast meeting. Dr. Seshamani will discuss the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

Thursday, 2/9

- **[TENTATIVE] Program Guidance for Medicare Part B and Part D Inflation Rebates**
CMS will issue draft guidance with a corresponding comment period on key aspects of the Part B and Part D inflation rebate program under the Inflation Reduction Act. Topics addressed will include the rebate invoicing process, 340B unit exclusion, and rebate reductions/waivers due to shortages/severe supply chain disruptions, as well as final guidance for implementing key definitions and processes for the Part B Coinsurance Adjustment. There will be a press call, press release, fact sheet, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.
- **Speaking Engagement: Connecting Kids to Coverage National Oral Health Webinar**
CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will present on a Connecting Kids to Coverage webinar for National Children's Health Month.
- **Speaking Engagement: Oral Health Disparities and Inequities (OHDI) Research Think Tank**
CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Office) will present to the Oral Health Disparities and Inequities (OHDI) Research Think Tank, part of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.
- **Speaking Engagement: AARP Teletown Hall**
CMS' Dr. Meena Seshamani (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare) will participate in a AARP Teletown Hall. Dr. Seshamani will talk with beneficiaries about the new Medicare drug provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).
- **Stakeholder Call on Interoperability Proposed Rule**
CMS' Office of Burden Reduction & Health Informatics (OBRHI) will host a virtual education session on the Advancing Interoperability and Improving Prior Authorization Processes proposed rule. Dr. Mary G. Greene (Director, OBRHI) and Alexandra Mugge (Director and Deputy Chief Health Informatics Officer, OBRHI) will participate. Participants will learn about the provisions in the proposed rule, hear how the proposed rule builds on current CMS interoperability policies, and ask questions.
- **Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE)**
CMS' Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE) will meet virtually on February 9, 2023 from Noon to 5:00 pm ET. The APOE panel will hear from CMS speakers on the topics of the Part B Immunosuppressant Drug Benefit, IRA Stakeholder Engagement & Education and Unwinding Outreach Materials. The APOE panel members will provide recommendations for CMS to consider as we work on outreach and education on these programs. The APOE panel is a Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) panel and the website with more information is here: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/FACA/APOE>.

Friday, 2/10

- **[TENTATIVE] Blog: Medicare's Role in Rural Health**

CMS will release a blog addressing rural health inequities in Medicare. Addressing rural health inequities is a cornerstone of the CMS' effort to improve health equity. CMS believes health equity is the attainment of the highest level of health for all people, whereby every person has a fair and just opportunity to attain optimal health regardless of their race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, preferred language, and geography— including whether they live in a rural or underserved community. CMS' commitment to rural health equity is reflected in the recently published CMS Framework for Advancing Health Care in Rural, Tribal, and Geographically Isolated Communities. There will be social media and a listserv announcement for this item.

- **CMS Roundup (February 10, 2023)**

CMS will release a Roundup highlighting agency initiatives and activities in a condensed, plain-language, reader-friendly narrative format with embedded links to information on the CMS website for reference. The Roundup is distributed twice a month to media and stakeholders.

Saturday, 2/11

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 2/12

- Nothing to report

Monday, 2/13

- **[TENTATIVE] Affordable Care Act (ACA) 6101 Nursing Facility Ownership Disclosure Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)**

CMS will issue an Affordable Care Act (ACA) 6101 Nursing Facility Ownership Disclosure Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM). This proposed rule would implement portions of section 6101(a) of the Affordable Care Act, which requires the disclosure of certain ownership, managerial, and other information regarding Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and Medicaid nursing facilities (NFs) to provide more transparency into nursing home ownership and other arrangements. There will be a press call, press release, fact sheet, social media, listserv announcement, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **Speaking Engagement: Biopharma Congress**

CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will join The Biopharma Congress conference. The conference is featuring government and industry leaders looking ahead to the most important policy and regulatory issues impacting drug developers from market approval standards to coverage, payment and reimbursement.

Tuesday, 2/14

- **[TENTATIVE] Drug Pricing Executive Order Report**

CMS will submit a report to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy on any new CMS Innovation Center models that the secretary has selected to test to lower drug prices. The report was required per executive order to be delivered within 90 days. Following the submission of the report, the CMS Innovation Center will test the models discussed. There will be a press release, fact sheet, social media, listserv announcement, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **Speaking Engagement: American Medical Association's (AMA's) National Advocacy Conference**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will provide remarks during the American Medical Association's National Advocacy Conference. Her session will focus on innovative ways that CMS is modernizing Medicare.

Wednesday, 2/15

- **COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) End Consumer Fact Sheet**
On May 11th, the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency End will end impacting several provider waivers and testing, vaccine, treatments and telehealth for consumers. CMS will provide a high-level overview of how the Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance and Marketplace programs are impacted. There will be a fact sheet for this item. Additional planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.
- **[CLOSE HOLD] [TENTATIVE] Enhanced Enforcement for Noncompliance Related to Nurse Staffing**
CMS will release a memo titled Enhanced Enforcement for Noncompliance Related to Nurse Staffing to the Policy Memos to State and Regions portion of CMS.gov. This memo announces immediate action to ensure that residents are receiving the quality of care they deserve by increasing civil monetary penalties in cases where poor resident outcomes resulted from low nursing home staffing. This action is being taken as part of the Administration's priority to improving the safety and quality of care in nursing homes, as outlined in a White House Fact Sheet. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

Thursday, 2/16

- **National Medicare Education Program Meeting**
CMS' Office of Communication (OC) Partner Relations Group (PRG) will host a National Medicare Education Program (NMEP) virtual meeting on February 16. Topics to be covered include Health Equity, Medicare Open Enrollment Outreach Wrap-Up, Medicare Special Enrollment Period and the 2023 Medicare & You handbook. NMEP was established to enlist national and local organizations to support and participate in educating the public about Medicare and other CMS programs. No media promotion although media are welcome to attend.

Friday, 2/17

- **[TENTATIVE] Informational Bulletin: Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving Redistribution of Medicaid Payments Bulletin**
CMS will release an informational bulletin on Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving the Redistribution of Medicaid Payments. There will be a reactive statement, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

Saturday, 2/18

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 2/19

- Nothing to report

Monday, 2/20

- **Federal Holiday: President's Day**

Tuesday, 2/21

- Nothing to report

Wednesday, 2/22

- **Speaking Engagement: 1st HHS Black Health Summit - Black Health Matters**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will provide opening remarks the First HHS Black Health Summit. The summit is intended to provide tools and information that will allow health care professionals to become more educated on what resources HHS offers, what we have accomplished thus far and allow for discussions of health disparities in communities of color. The Administrator will also lead a panel discussion focused on maternal health.
- **Speaking Engagement: National Quality Forum (NQF) Annual Forum**
CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation), Dr. Meena Seshamani (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare), and CMS' Dr. Lee Fleisher (Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality) will participate in the National Quality Forum (NQF) Annual Forum's Fireside Chat with CMS Leadership. These CMS leadership panelists will share focus for their respective Centers' overall efforts underway to align measurement across Medicare programs, discuss measurement priorities required to support the recently announced CMS Strategy, and talk about plans related to the transition to digital technology, elevating the voice of the patient, and advancing safety and equity.
- **Stakeholder Call: Medicaid and CHIP Continuous Enrollment Unwinding - What to Know and How to Prepare, A Partner Education Month Series (February 2023)**
CMS will host a monthly webinar series that works to educate stakeholders and help them prepare for the upcoming Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Continuous Enrollment Unwinding.

Thursday, 2/23

- **CMS Roundup (February 23, 2023)**
CMS will release a Roundup highlighting agency initiatives and activities in a condensed, plain-language, reader-friendly narrative format with embedded links to information on the CMS website for reference. The Roundup is distributed twice a month to media and stakeholders.
- **[TENTATIVE] Blog: Drug Spending Dashboard**
CMS will post a blog on the Office of Enterprise Data & Analytics (OEDA's) annual update to the drug spending dashboards. There will be a listserv announcement for this item.

Friday, 2/24

- **Speaking Engagement: 2023 Health Datapalooza**

CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will be speaking at Health Datapalooza, hosted by the AcademyHealth. The 2023 Health Datapalooza brings together attendees from across the health care landscape to discuss the future of health data and, importantly, the policies and innovations that will spark real transformation in health care.

- **Speaking Engagement: The Center for Community Engagement in Health Innovation at Community Catalyst - Award Ceremony**

CMS' Dr. Liz Fowler (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in the Center for Community Engagement in Health Innovation at that Community Catalyst Award Ceremony. Dr. Fowler will speak on the importance of person/community engagement in helping CMMI improve health equity and care for vulnerable populations.

Saturday, 2/25

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 2/26

- Nothing to report

Monday, 2/27

- **Speaking Engagement: Strength & Service Series Virtual Webinar Series**

CMS' Dr. Dora Hughes (Chief Medical Officer, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in the Lutheran Services in America's Strength and Service Virtual Webinar Series. The series is designed to help our member organizations nationwide stay in the know on new and evolving practices and resources, curating a broad line-up of topics and subject matter expertise, and is focused on leveraging the opportunities in today's uncertain world.

Tuesday, 2/28

- **CMS Quarterly Update Press Call**

CMS will host a quarterly update press call with CMS leadership.

- **Informational Bulletin: Department of Homeland Security Public Charge Final Rule**

CMS will issue an informational bulletin that describes the final public charge rule that the Department of Homeland Security released earlier in 2022. The bulletin will discuss the final rules interaction with Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. There will be a listserv message and social media for this item. Additional planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

- **Speaking Engagement: American Association of Orthodontist's 2023 Advocacy Conference**

CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in the American Association of Orthodontist's 2023 Advocacy Conference as a keynote speaker.

Wednesday, 3/1

- **Program Guidance for Negotiation - with 30-Day Comment Solicitation on Key Topics**

CMS will issue guidance on the negotiation process for 2026 and invite public comment on key elements of the program. Section 11001 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) directly authorizes

Medicare to negotiate drug prices for certain high-expenditure, single-source Medicare Part B or Part D drugs. The key elements include terms and conditions contained in the manufacturer agreement, approach for considering (1) the manufacturer-reported data elements and (2) evidence about alternative treatments, the process for the offer and counteroffer exchange between the Secretary and manufacturers, the content of an explanation for the maximum fair price, method for applying the maximum fair price across different dosage forms and strengths of a selected drug, dispute resolution process for specific issues that are not exempt from administrative and judicial review, and processes for compliance monitoring and imposition of civil monetary penalties for violations. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

- **Quality, Safety, & Oversight (QSO) Memo: Guidance for the End of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) and Termination of 1135 Emergency Waivers**

CMS will post and release Guidance for the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) and Termination of 1135 Emergency Waivers. This Quality, Safety & Oversight (QSO) memorandum will guide key stakeholders on returning to a more normal delivery of quality health care for beneficiaries, provide additional guidance for regulations released during the Public Health Emergency as Interim Final Rules with Comment (IFC), and give details such as dates and CMS expectations of compliance following the end of the PHE. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

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Subject: CMS Calendar & Rollouts 4.17.23

Hi Team,

CMS' daily comms calendar and rollout updates are below.

NOTE: This calendar/look ahead is close hold in nature and should not be forwarded/shared outside of this group of recipients.

Friendly reminder that these are living documents and the dates are accurate as of the time it is sent - all dates are subject to change.

Do not reply all to this message - If you are aware of any changes/updates to items on the calendar, please let OC know.

Rollouts Today

- State Medicaid Director Letter on Inmate Transitions Guidance to States
- Final 2024 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters

Comms Calendar

2023 APRIL

CALENDAR
YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY
FIRST DAY OF
WEEK

Black - Holidays and Moments to Mark

Red - CBL External Speeches/ Events
Purple – Rollouts/Announcements

Brown - Media/Interviews

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	SMDL: Inmate Transitions Guidance to States	TENTATIVE: Illinois Free Care SPA	TENTATIVE: FAQs: CMS Waivers, Flexibilities, and the End of the COVID-19 PHE	African American Mayors Association Annual Conference (CBL)	TENTATIVE: Rural Emergency Hospitals Milestone Announcement
	Final 2024 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters (NBPP) (CMS-9899-F)		TENTATIVE: Home Health Agency and Hospice Ownership Data Release	Hospital Price Transparency - Imposition of Civil Monetary Penalty	CMS Roundup
	TENTATIVE: ACF/CMS Blog: Medicaid Redetermination		TENTATIVE: Blog: Organ Transplantation Affinity Group (OTAG) Public Launch		
			Quality Safety Oversight Memo - Guidance for the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) and Termination of 1135 Emergency Waivers		
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National Infant
Immunization
Week (4/24-
5/1)

TENTATIVE (Close
Hold): Enhanced
Enforcement for
Noncompliance
Related to Nurse
Staffing

Clarifying Eligibility a
Qualified Health
Plan, Medicaid, CHIP
and Basic Health
Plan (CMS 9894-P)

TENTATIVE: New
Mexico Free Care
SPA

TENTATIVE (Pending
Submission): CMS
Innovation Center
Health Equity
Update Blog

TENTATIVE: RI
Postpartum
Medicaid and
CHIP State Plan
Amendment
Coverage
Extensions

TENTATIVE: Organ
Procurement
Organization
Annual Public
Performance Data

TENTATIVE: NPRM:
Ensuring Access to
Medicaid Services
(CMS 2442-P)

TENTATIVE: NPRM:
Managed Care
Access, Finance,
and Quality (CMS-
2439-P)

TENTATIVE:
Missouri Notice
Letter

TENTATIVE: Public
Release of Acute
Hospital Care at
Home Data Set

Medicaid
Redeterminations
Second Virtual
Regional Pen-and-
Pad

2023 MAY

CALENDAR
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CALENDAR MONTH

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High Blood Pressure Education Month	2023 CMS Quality Conference (Day 1)	2023 CMS Quality Conference (Day 2)	2023 CMS Quality Conference (Day 3)	Secretary Event: Mental Health (CBL)	CMS Roundup
Mental Health Awareness Month	TENTATIVE: OPPS Remedy for 340B-Acquired Drugs (CMS-1793-P)			The Transplant Eco-System-The Role Of Data In CMS Oversight Of The Organ Procurement Organizations	
National Cancer Research Month	Enhancing Oncology Model Participation Announcement				
Older American's Month	IB: End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Related Provisions in Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Basic Health Program (BHP)				
	2023 CMS Quality Conference				

Three-week look-ahead

Monday, 4/17

- State Medicaid Director Letter on Inmate Transitions Guidance to States**
 CMS will issue a State Medicaid Director Letter providing states with information on the new Medicaid Section 1115 demonstration opportunity for short-term coverage of Medicaid services to Medicaid-eligible individuals transitioning after incarceration. This guidance is being issued as required by section 5032 of the SUPPORT Act. There is a Press Release, Social Media, list serv, and internal questions and answers planned for this announcement.
- Final 2024 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters (NBPP)**
 CMS will release the Final 2024 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters (NBPP). CMS is finalizing some of the standards in the proposed rule for states, Exchanges, and issuers in the individual and

small-group markets. This final proposed rule will publish in the Federal Register. There will be a press release, fact sheet, social media, listserv announcement, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

- **[TENTATIVE] Joint Administration for Children and Families (ACF)-CMS Blog on Medicaid Redetermination**

CMS will support the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) in issuing a blog jointly authored by Assistant Secretary January Contreras and CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure. The blog will discuss Medicaid redeterminations and what families can do to retain or find new coverage. The blog will post to <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog> and CMS.gov. There is no planned media for this item.

Tuesday, 4/18

- **[TENTATIVE] Illinois Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA)**

CMS will issue a Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Illinois. Free Care SPAs are based on CMS guidance that reversed the “free care rule.” This guidance means that states have the option to provide physical and behavioral health care services to any student who is enrolled in Medicaid—and to get federal Medicaid reimbursement for those services. There will be a press release, listserv message, social media, and internal questions-and-answers for this item.

- **Speaking Engagement: Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 23 Conference and Exhibition**

CMS' Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer) will speak at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 23 Conference. HIMSS is a global, nonprofit advisor and thought leader supporting the transformation of the health ecosystem through information and technology. HIMSS' vision is to realize the full health potential of every human everywhere.

- **Speaking Engagement: End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network Webinar**

CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will participate in an End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network Webinar. There are 18 end-stage kidney disease networks providing quality improvement and patient grievance support to dialysis providers and patients throughout the country, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Dr. Chalmers will present to these networks, dialysis providers, dialysis/chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients, and kidney transplant patients.

Wednesday, 4/19

- **[TENTATIVE] Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): CMS Waivers, Flexibilities, and the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**

CMS will publish a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document addressing various issues related to the May 11, 2023, end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) and its impact on various on waivers and flexibilities implemented to address the pandemic. This document will be periodically updated as new FAQs are raised by the public.

- **[TENTATIVE] Home Health Agency and Hospice Ownership Data Release**

CMS will release Home Health Agency (HHA) and Hospice full ownership data. This is in continuation of previous data releases including Change of Ownership (CHOW) and Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) full ownership last year to improve data transparency. There will social media, a listserv announcement, internal questions and answers (QAs).

- **[TENTATIVE] Organ Transplantation Affinity Group (OTAG) Public Launch**
CMS and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will announce the formation of its first collaborative Organ Transplantation Affinity Group (OTAG). The launch will introduce five goals for organ transplantation system improvement. Jean and Suma Nair will author a blog, and there will also be a patient journey map illustrating the transplantation journey, challenges, and actions to take along the way for this item.
- **Quality Safety Oversight (QSO) Memo: Guidance for the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) and Termination of 1135 Emergency Waivers**
CMS will post and release guidance for the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) and termination of 1135 emergency waivers. This Quality, Safety & Oversight memorandum will guide key stakeholders on returning to a more normal delivery of quality health care for beneficiaries, provide additional guidance for regulations released during the PHE as Interim Final Rules with Comment, and give details such as dates and CMS expectations of compliance following the end of the PHE. There will be a reactive statement and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.

Thursday, 4/20

- **Hospital Price Transparency - Imposition of Civil Monetary Penalty**
CMS will impose a Civil Monetary Penalty on two hospitals that are not in compliance with the requirements of the Hospital Price Transparency final rule. There will be a reactive statement and internal questions-and-answers for this item.
- **Speaking Engagement: African American Mayors Association Annual Conference**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will participate in a fireside chat discussion during the African American Mayors Association (AAMA) Annual Conference. She will be joined by Mayor Justin Bibb (Cleveland, OH) and Mayor Sylvester Turner (Houston, TX) for a conversation about the Administration's strategies for expanding access to quality care and achieving health equity.
- **Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE)**
CMS' Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE) will meet in person from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm ET to hear from CMS speakers on various topics. The APOE panel members will provide recommendations for CMS to consider as we work on outreach and education on these programs. The APOE panel is a Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) panel, and the website with more information is here: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/FACA/APOE>.

Friday, 4/21

- **Rural Emergency Hospitals (REH) Milestone Announcement**
On January 3, 2023, a new provider type, Rural Emergency Hospitals (REH), was implemented to support access to care in rural and underserved communities. Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and small rural hospitals can convert to REH, which may be a more sustainable option for rural hospitals facing closure. Behavioral health services may be provided at REH facilities. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.
- **CMS Roundup for April 21, 2023**

CMS will release a Roundup highlighting agency initiatives and activities in a condensed, plain-language, reader-friendly narrative format with embedded links to information on the CMS website for reference. The Roundup is distributed twice a month to media and stakeholders.

Saturday, 4/22

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 4/23

- Nothing to report

Monday, 4/24

- **[CLOSE HOLD] Enhanced Enforcement for Noncompliance Related to Nurse Staffing**
CMS will release a memo titled Enhanced Enforcement for Noncompliance Related to Nurse Staffing to the Policy Memos to State and Regions portion of cms.gov. This memo announces immediate action to ensure that residents are receiving the quality of care they deserve by increasing civil monetary penalties in cases where poor resident outcomes resulted from low nursing home staffing. This action is being taken as part of the Administration's priority to improving the safety and quality of care in nursing homes, as outlined in a White House Fact Sheet. There will be a news alert for this item.
- **Clarifying Eligibility a Qualified Health Plan, Medicaid, CHIP and Basic Health Plan (CMS 9894-P)**
CMS will post the CMS 9894-P: Clarifying Eligibility a Qualified Health Plan, Medicaid, CHIP and Basic Health Plan. There will be a press release, fact sheet, and internal questions and answers (QAs) for this item.
- **Speaking Engagement: 2023 American Hospital Association (AHA) Annual Membership Meeting**
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Tuesday, 4/25

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Friday, 4/28

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CMS will release a Medicaid deferral letter to Missouri regarding longstanding concerns about federal Medicaid financing requirements, specifically FRA hospital taxes. This may represent a hold harmless arrangement, which is prohibited by statute and regulations. There will be a reactive statement for this item.
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Saturday, 4/29

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 4/30

- Nothing to report

Monday, 5/1

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CMS will release the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Policy Remedy Proposed Rule. Beginning January 1, 2018, CMS adopted a policy for the Medicare OPPS to pay an adjusted amount of Average Sales Price (ASP) minus 22.5 percent, rather than the default ASP plus 6 percent, for certain separately payable drugs or biologicals acquired through the 340B program. The OPPS 340B policy has been the subject of significant litigation in *American Hospital Association v. Becerra* (142 S. Ct. 1896). On June 15, 2022, the Supreme Court held that CMS did not have the authority to pay ASP minus 22.5 percent for certain separately payable drugs or biologicals acquired through the 340B program. We stated in the 2023 OPPS final rule that we planned to issue a separate proposed rule detailing our proposed remedy for 340B drug payments for 2018 to 2022 in advance of the 2024 OPPS/ASC proposed rule. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.
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CMS will issue a broad public announcement on the Oncology Care Model and its participants. There will be a press release, fact sheet, social media, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item. Additional planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

- Informational Bulletin: End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Related Provisions in Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Basic Health Program (BHP)**
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- Speaking Engagement: 2023 CMS Quality Conference**
 CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will provide pre-recorded remarks for the 2023 CMS Quality Conference. This year's conference theme is "Building Resilient Communities - Having an Equitable Foundation for Equitable Health Care." There is no planned media for this item.
- Jonathan Blum Visit to CMS Region 10 (Alaska)**
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Tuesday, 5/2

- Nothing to report

Wednesday, 5/3

- Nothing to report

Thursday, 5/4

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 CMS recently released the Organ Transplantation Affinity Group (OTAG), draft recommendations which are geared toward effectively using data-driven approaches to improve organ donation, procurement, and transplantation system for patients, donors, and their families and caregivers as well as providers. In concert, the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) released their Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Modernization Initiative. In this blog, CMS is outlining its strategy with respect to Organ Procurement Organization data. CMS is sharing information to improve the public trust of increasing transplantation of organs and implementing it in an equitable manner. There will be a blog for this item.

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Monday, 5/8

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Subject: CMS Calendar & Rollouts 4.18.23

Hi Team,

CMS' daily comms calendar and rollout updates are below.

NOTE: This calendar/look ahead is close hold in nature and should not be forwarded/shared outside of this group of recipients.

Friendly reminder that these are living documents and the dates are accurate as of the time it is sent - all dates are subject to change.

Do not reply all to this message - If you are aware of any changes/updates to items on the calendar, please let OC know.

Rollouts Today

- Illinois Free Care State Plan Amendment (SPA)
- [TENTATIVE] Joint Administration for Children and Families (ACF)-CMS Blog on Medicaid Redetermination

Comms Calendar

Black - Holidays and Moments to Mark

2023 APRIL

SUNDAY

CALENDAR
YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF
WEEK

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	SMDL: Inmate Transitions Guidance to States	Illinois Free Care SPA	TENTATIVE: Home Health Agency and Hospice Ownership Data Release	African American Mayors Association Annual Conference (CBL)	TENTATIVE: Rural Emergency Hospitals Milestone Announcement
	Final 2024 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters (NBPP) (CMS-9899-F)	TENTATIVE: ACF/CMS Blog: Medicaid Redetermination	RI Postpartum Medicaid and CHIP State Plan Amendment Coverage Extensions		CMS Roundup
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23	24	25	26	27	28

National Infant
Immunization
Week (4/24-
5/1)

TENTATIVE: FAQs:
CMS Waivers,
Flexibilities, and the
End of the COVID-19
PHE

TENTATIVE (Close
Hold): Enhanced
Enforcement for
Noncompliance
Related to Nurse
Staffing

Clarifying Eligibility a
Qualified Health
Plan, Medicaid, CHIP
and Basic Health
Plan (CMS 9894-P)

TENTATIVE: New
Mexico Free Care
SPA

TENTATIVE (Pending
Submission): CMS
Innovation Center
Health Equity
Update Blog

TENTATIVE: Organ
Procurement
Organization
Annual Public
Performance Data

NPRM: Ensuring
Access to Medicaid
Services (CMS
2442-P)

NPRM: Managed
Care Access,
Finance, and
Quality (CMS-2439-
P)

TENTATIVE:
Missouri Notice
Letter

TENTATIVE: Public
Release of Acute
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Consolidated
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Three-week look-ahead

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Wednesday, 4/19

- **[TENTATIVE] Home Health Agency and Hospice Ownership Data Release**

CMS will release Home Health Agency (HHA) and Hospice full ownership data. This is in continuation of previous data releases including Change of Ownership (CHOW) and Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) full ownership last year to improve data transparency. There will social media, a listserv announcement, internal questions and answers (QAs).

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Thursday, 4/20

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- **Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE)**

CMS' Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE) will meet in person from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm ET to hear from CMS speakers on various topics. The APOE panel members will provide recommendations for CMS to consider as we work on outreach and education on these programs. The APOE panel is a Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) panel, and the website with more information is here: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/FACA/APOE>.

Friday, 4/21

- **Rural Emergency Hospitals (REH) Milestone Announcement**

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CMS' Dr. Lee Fleisher (Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ)) will participate in Johns Hopkins Population Health Forum on the Care of Medicare Beneficiaries with Diabetes. Dr. Fleisher will be the keynote speaker.
- **Speaking Engagement: Virtual Summit: Advancing Equity Through Value-Based Care**
CMS' Dr. Dora Hughes (Chief Medical Officer, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)) will participate in the Humanity Talent Network's (HTN) Virtual Summit: Advancing Equity Through Value-Based Care. The summit is a forum for senior healthcare and life sciences leaders to engage in meaningful discourse around value-based care. It focuses on best practices in forming effective partnerships with other care givers or accountable care organizations (ACOs) to share data and enhance patient outcomes, leveraging patient data in order to align incentives with quality of care, and discusses effective rollouts of value-based care delivery plans and how to market your strategic differentiation vs fee-for-service plans. Dr. Hughes will be a keynote speaker.

Friday, 4/28

- **[TENTATIVE] Missouri Notice Letter**
CMS will release a Medicaid deferral letter to Missouri regarding longstanding concerns about federal Medicaid financing requirements, specifically FRA hospital taxes. This may represent a hold harmless arrangement, which is prohibited by statute and regulations. There will be a reactive statement for this item.
- **[TENTATIVE] Public Release of Acute Hospital Care at Home Data Set**
CMS will make available, upon request, data from the Acute Hospital Care at Home (AHCAH) data set. The data includes 14 months of information in two finders' files for the period from November 2020-December 2021. One file contains patient-specific data, as well as claims aggregation and eligibility data of Medicare Fee-for-Service and non-managed Medicaid beneficiaries who have been provided acute care by hospitals across the country with an approved AHCAH waiver. The second file includes hospital-specific information related to the number admissions to the home setting, the number of patient escalations of care from the home to the hospital, and the number of unexpected patient mortalities. File release is pending publication in JAMA of a companion article under development. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.
- **Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 Unwinding Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**
CMS will release answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding the Medicaid continuous enrollment condition, conditions for receiving the Families First Coronavirus Response Act temporary federal medical assistance percentage increase, reporting requirements, and enforcement provisions in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 and related guidance. There will be a News Roundup story and listserv message for this item.

- **Speaking Engagement: Medical Device Manufacturers Association (MDMA) 2023 Annual Meeting**
CMS' Dr. Lee Fleisher (Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ)) will participate in the Medical Device Manufacturers Association (MDMA) 2023 Annual Meeting. Dr. Fleisher will give a keynote on CMS updates and priorities.

Saturday, 4/29

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 4/30

- Nothing to report

Monday, 5/1

- **Enhancing Oncology Model Participation Announcement**
CMS will issue a broad public announcement on the Oncology Care Model and its participants. There will be a press release, fact sheet, social media, listserv message, and internal questions-and-answers for this item. Additional planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.
- **Informational Bulletin: End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Related Provisions in Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Basic Health Program (BHP)**
Tomorrow, CMS will release a Center for Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Services (CMCS) Informational Bulletin (CIB) that confirms the end of certain Medicaid, CHIP, and Basic Health Program authorities if the COVID-19 public health emergency ends on May 11, 2023, as expected. This CIB does not provide additional information about the end of the continuous enrollment condition. There will be a News Roundup story for this item.
- **Medicaid Redeterminations Second Virtual Regional Pen-and-Pad**
CMS will host a virtual pen-and-pad with reporters from select states (Connecticut, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Indiana, Utah, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Tennessee) to discuss Medicaid eligibility redeterminations as the continuous enrollment condition ends. This supports CMS' ongoing efforts to engage in national and regional media education about Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program redeterminations.
- **2023 CMS Quality Conference**
CMS will host the 2023 CMS Quality Conference. This conference convenes leaders across the health care spectrum to explore how patients, advocates, providers, researchers, and champions in health care quality improvement can develop and spread solutions to address America's most pervasive health system challenges. There will be a press release and social media and for this item.
- **Speaking Engagement: 2023 CMS Quality Conference**
CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure will provide pre-recorded remarks for the 2023 CMS Quality Conference. This year's conference theme is "Building Resilient Communities - Having an Equitable Foundation for Equitable Health Care." There is no planned media for this item.
- **Jonathan Blum Visit to CMS Region 10 (Alaska)**

CMS' Jonathan Blum will visit Alaska. The visit will include time with the National Tribal Health Conference and stakeholder meetings. There will be social media for this item.

- **Speaking Engagement: 2023 National Medicaid, Medicare, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Oral Health Symposium - Accelerating Oral Health for Medicaid, Medicare, and CHIP Beneficiaries**

CMS' Dr. Natalia Chalmers (Chief Dental Officer) will give the keynote address at the 2023 National Medicaid, Medicare, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Oral Health Symposium on accelerating oral health equity for Medicaid, Medicare, and CHIP beneficiaries. There is no planned media for this item.

Tuesday, 5/2

- Nothing to report

Wednesday, 5/3

- Nothing to report

Thursday, 5/4

- **The Transplant Eco-System-The Role of Data in CMS Oversight of the Organ Procurement Organizations**

CMS recently released the Organ Transplantation Affinity Group (OTAG), draft recommendations which are geared toward effectively using data-driven approaches to improve organ donation, procurement, and transplantation system for patients, donors, and their families and caregivers as well as providers. In concert, the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) released their Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Modernization Initiative. In this blog, CMS is outlining its strategy with respect to Organ Procurement Organization data. CMS is sharing information to improve the public trust of increasing transplantation of organs and implementing it in an equitable manner. There will be a blog for this item.

- **CMS/American Hospital Association (AHA) Stakeholder Call on Public Health Emergency (PHE)**
CMS and the American Hospital Association will host a stakeholder call on public health emergency (PHE).

Friday, 5/5

- **CMS Roundup for May 5, 2023**

CMS will release a Roundup highlighting agency initiatives and activities in a condensed, plain-language, reader-friendly narrative format with embedded links to information on the CMS website for reference. The Roundup is distributed twice a month to media and stakeholders.

Saturday, 5/6

- Nothing to report

Sunday, 5/7

- Nothing to report

Monday, 5/8

- Nothing to report

Tuesday, 5/9

- **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)--Medicaid Drug Misclassification, Beneficiary Access Protection, and Drugs Program Administration**

CMS will release the Medicaid Drug Misclassification, Beneficiary Access Protection, & Drugs Program Administration notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM). This NPRM proposes new regulatory definitions for single-source drug, innovator multiple-source drug, and potentially non-innovator multiple source drugs. Additionally, the NPRM will propose the imposition of Civil Money Penalty on manufacturers that report incorrect price or product information, or knowingly misclassify/submit incorrect drug product information. It also will propose states recover unpaid rebate payments, and that the Secretary may exclude a manufacture from participation in any federal health care program if they knowingly misclassifies a drug and fail to correct such misclassification, or if they knowingly provide false drug pricing or product info. Planned media remains subject to ongoing discussions.

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This call is with staff from the offices of Rep. Fletcher (D-TX), Rep. Allred (D-TX) and Rep. Casar (D-TX) who asked to discuss Texas hospitals concerns with the CMS Informational Bulletin regarding hold harmless agreements. Rep. Casar's also has questions whether in 2021, CMS withheld supplemental payments to Texas due to the state government allowing hold harmless agreements to continue and whether that was later overturned by the court.

Cherie Howell is inviting you to a scheduled ZoomGov meeting.

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Thanks,
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I have finished leaving my comments and suggested edits.

Best,

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Hello,

Circling back with the attached (and in the SP link) Reactive statement for the MO deferral. The language is taken from the taxes CIB and other supporting documents i.e the talkers and briefing paper.

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MO Deferral Planned Release Steps:

- (1) Weds 3/23 by COB:** OA TPs, deferral letter, timeline & reactive statement to **Dan's book for his review**
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- (4) Weds 3/29:** Reach out to SMD (Rory/OCD) and Governor's office (OA) to schedule call for Thursday
- (5) Tues 3/29:** Rory and the OCD will contact/call the MO SMD (Todd Richardson) OCD and OA will contact the MO Governor's office to signal that the deferral is coming
- (6) Weds 3/29:** to explain the reason for the deferral and that CMS is working with the state to obtain any additional documentation to support the claims
- (7) Thurs 3/30:** Rory/Dan call w/ SMD; OA/Dan call w/ Governor
- (8) Thurs 3/30:** OCD confirms that the Night Note went forward to OC in prep for a the 3/31 Grant award deferral letter being issued to the state
- (9) Fri 3/31@ 12pm: Deferral letter is Issued to the state.**

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I'll make updates based on these timeframes and will recirculate. Thanks

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Here are my notes from conversation w OCD this morning:

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- **Fri., 3/31** - release deferral (same as below)

Thanks, Amber

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Thank you!

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Thanks Beverly. I did get some insight re: Dan's thoughts on timing of calls this morning. I will send those around shortly.

Thanks, Amber

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Subject: RE: Plan to Release the Missouri Deferral

Thanks Dorothy,

I will give the OCD a heads-up on the planned strategy for the deferral and will confirm timeframes for the SMD and Gov calls. Thanks

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Beverly,

Confirming the 3/31/2023 date and what you have written below.

Thanks,
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Hi Jonathan,

Thanks for flagging, I actually made this item #1 on the list as an action to be started asap. **Deborah**, regarding the 60th day, there was discussion at the DFO/DFP TB and there is a possible disconnect between MBES calculation and manual calculation of the 60th day. DFO-W, did confirm that 60th date is 3/31. DFO-W please feel free to chime in.

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Best,

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Subject: RE: Plan to Release the Missouri Deferral

All, MBES is showing the 60th day for Missouri is 3/30. Can we confirm on the 3/31 date below to release the deferral?

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Subject: Plan to Release the Missouri Deferral

Good morning,

We are gearing up to issue a **deferral to MO in the amount of \$236,629,533 on Friday March 31, 2023 at 12pm** noon related to Missouri's Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) tax. Please see below anticipated steps that will need to be followed prior to issuing the deferral letter to the state. I will connect with the OCD on the ETA for items 1 and 2. Please let me know if I have missed anything in the steps below. For your awareness, the OCD Comms Team along with the Office of Communications is preparing a "**Reactive Statement**" that I will circle back with the team on, to confirm any edits. Please let me know if I have missed anything, or if you have questions.

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Subject: RE: Night Note for Missouri Deferral

Good morning +Rory/Jeremy

Thanks Dorothy. I made some edits to the NN. Also, the OCD pinged me this morning on the TP Dan has requested for DPC. Not sure if anyone is work on those?

Missouri Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) Tax Deferral

Tomorrow, CMCS will issue a deferral (a temporary hold on funding while CMS investigates further) related to Missouri's Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) tax in the amount of \$236,629,533 in federal financial participation (FFP). On December 31, 2022, CMS conducted a focused CMS-64 quarterly report review of Missouri's FRA tax, to determine compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements, specifically whether a hold harmless arrangement exists due to providers redistributing Medicaid payments. The review confirmed our previous concerns that the tax may be unallowable, and as a result, a temporary hold is being placed on a portion of Medicaid funding while CMS continues to review information from the state to make a final determination of the allowability of the tax. Regulations require that a deferral must be taken within 60 days of receipt of the state's quarterly expenditure report, which is March 31, 2023.

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Subject: Night Note for Missouri Deferral

Beverly, here is the night note for the Missouri Deferral to be taken on March 31, 2023. If you need additional information in the night note, let me know.

Tomorrow, CMCS will issue a deferral related to Missouri's Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) tax in the amount of \$236,629,533 in federal financial participation as a result of a focused review of Missouri's FRA tax on the December 31, 2022, CMS-64 quarterly report, to determine compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements, specifically whether a hold harmless arrangement exists due to providers redistributing Medicaid payments. The review confirmed our previous concerns that the tax may be unallowable, and as a result, a temporary hold is being placed on a portion of Medicaid funding while CMS continues to review information

from the state to make a final determination of the allowability of the tax. Regulations require that a deferral must be taken within 60 days of receipt of the state's quarterly expenditure report, which is March 31, 2023.

Thanks,

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Subject: Canceled: Canceled: Texas CMS Bulletin on Hold Harmless Agreements -- updated time

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Required Attendees: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS); Kirchgraber, Kate (CMS/OL); Wiley, Evelyn (CMS/CMCS); Chadwick, Alpheus (CMS/OL); Martino, Maria (CMS/OL)

This call is with staff from the offices of Rep. Fletcher (D-TX), Rep. Allred (D-TX) and Rep. Casar (D-TX) who asked to discuss Texas hospitals concerns with the CMS Informational Bulletin regarding hold harmless agreements. Rep. Casar's also has questions whether in 2021, CMS withheld supplemental payments to Texas due to the state government allowing hold harmless agreements to continue and whether that was later overturned by the court.

Appointment

From: CMS CMCS_Scheduling; (b)(6)
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Sent: 5/1/2023 7:49:54 PM
To: CMS CMCS_Scheduling; (b)(6)
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(b)(6) Costello, Anne Marie
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Vitolo, Sara
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Hebert, Krista
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Briskin, Perrie
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Delone, Sarah
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Deboy, Alissa
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Bonelli, Anna
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Howe, Rory
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Weaver, Brent
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Kotesich, Jennifer
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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Subject: Nevada/CMCS

Location: TBD

Start: 5/17/2023 9:00:00 PM

End: 5/17/2023 9:30:00 PM

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Required Attendees: Stacie Weeks; Amber Law; Daniel Tsai (CMS/OA) (daniel.tsai@cms.hhs.gov); annemarie.costello@cms.hhs.gov; Sara Vitolo (CMS/FCHCO) (Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov); Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS); Perrie Briskin (CMS/OA) (perrie.briskin@cms.hhs.gov); Delone, Sarah (CMS/CMCS); Deboy, Alissa M. (CMS/CMCS); Bonelli, Anna (CMS/CMCS); Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS) (Rory.Howe@cms.hhs.gov); Brent Weaver (CMS/CCSQ) (brent.weaver@cms.hhs.gov); Kotesich, Jennifer (CMS/CMCS)

Agenda:

- DACA Requirements (Biden EO)
- ILOS – Housing/Food Supports
- Children’s Behavioral Health & DOJ
- Provider Tax and Payments to Private Hospitals – Hold Harmless Proof
- 1115 dental waiver
- New idea for adult dental coverage

Message

From: Boston, Beverly (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)

Sent: 2/14/2023 8:19:14 PM

To: Endelman (he/him), Jonathan (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Arnold, Charlie
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Clark, Jennifer
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Goldstein, Stuart
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Cuno, Richard
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Gavens, Jay
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Ferguson, Dorothy
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Curry, Celestine
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Fan, Kristin (CMS/CMCS)
(b)(6)
(b)(6) Kimble, Davida
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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CC: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Maccarroll, Amber
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Silanskis, Jeremy
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) adams, lia (CMS/CMCS)
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Subject: Recall: Recall: DUE COB TODAY: :TAXES HOLD HARMLESS CIB ROLLOUT ACTIONS

Boston, Beverly (CMS/CMCS) would like to recall the message, "DUE COB TODAY: :TAXES HOLD HARMLESS CIB ROLLOUT ACTIONS ".

Message

From: Boston, Beverly (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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Sent: 2/15/2023 4:01:53 PM

To: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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(b)(6); Arnold, Charlie
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(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Goldstein, Stuart
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Curry, Celestine
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Kimble, Davida
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)

CC: Maccarroll, Amber (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Silanskis, Jeremy
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Fan, Kristin (CMS/CMCS)
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Sent: 2/15/2023 6:11:19 PM

To: Gavens, Jay (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Holligan, Ricardo
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Endelman (he/him),
Jonathan (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Ferguson, Dorothy
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Fan, Kristin
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS)
(b)(6) Arnold, Charlie
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Kimble, Davida
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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CC: Maccarroll, Amber (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Silanskis, Jeremy
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(b)(6) adams, lia (CMS/CMCS)
(b)(6) Staton, Sidney
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)

Subject: Recall: Recall: DUE 2PM TODAY: :TAXES HOLD HARMLESS CIB ROLLOUT ACTIONS

Boston, Beverly (CMS/CMCS) would like to recall the message, "DUE 2PM TODAY: :TAXES HOLD HARMLESS CIB ROLLOUT ACTIONS ".

Delivery Report

From: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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Sent: 2/14/2023 8:19:25 PM
To: Boston, Beverly (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Message Recall Success: Message Recall Success: DUE COB TODAY: :TAXES HOLD HARMLESS CIB ROLLOUT ACTIONS

Your message

To: Endelman (he/him), Jonathan (CMS/CMCS); Arnold, Charlie (CMS/CMCS); Clark, Jennifer (CMS/CMCS); Goldstein, Stuart (CMS/CMCS); Cuno, Richard (CMS/CMCS); Gavens, Jay (CMS/CMCS); Ferguson, Dorothy (CMS/CMCS); Curry, Celestine (CMS/CMCS); Fan, Kristin (CMS/CMCS); Kimble, Davida (CMS/CMCS)
CC: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS); Maccarroll, Amber (CMS/CMCS); Silanskis, Jeremy (CMS/CMCS); adams, lia (CMS/CMCS)
Subject: DUE COB TODAY: :TAXES HOLD HARMLESS CIB ROLLOUT ACTIONS
Sent: 2/14/2023 8:19:16 PM

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Appointment

From: Wiley, Evelyn (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 3/14/2023 6:24:46 PM
To: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Maccarroll, Amber (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Silanskis, Jeremy (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Clark, Jennifer (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Goldstein, Stuart (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Boston, Beverly (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Mauser, Gayle (CMS/OL)
(b)(6); Kirchgraber, Kate (CMS/OL); (b)(6)
CC: Arnold, Charlie (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Prep Call for on Hold Harmless Guidance with Rep. Al Green's Office
Location: <https://cms.zoomgov.com/join/91234567890>; (b)(6)
Start: 3/28/2023 3:30:00 PM
End: 3/28/2023 4:00:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Required Attendees: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS); Maccarroll, Amber (CMS/CMCS); Silanskis, Jeremy (CMS/CMCS); Clark, Jennifer (CMS/CMCS); Goldstein, Stuart (CMS/CMCS); Boston, Beverly (CMS/CMCS); Mauser, Gayle (CMS/OL); Kirchgraber, Kate (CMS/OL)
Optional Attendees: Arnold, Charlie (CMS/CMCS)

Prep for the Al Green call.

Email from Gayle Mauser

Hi all, in addition to the follow-up we owe E&C majority staff, Rep. Al Green's (D-TX) office has inquired about the guidance and how it relates specifically to Texas. We would like to schedule a call between Rory and Rep. Green's office (it will be his Chief of Staff, but it is possible Rep. Green also joins). We'll provide draft Texas-specific talking points that build on the information provided below closer to the meeting.

- 30 minutes to prep for the Al Green call, ideally in the couple of days prior to the actual briefing
- A few 30-minute holds that we can offer Rep. Green's office for the week of 3/27

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(b)(6); Boston, Beverly (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Mauser, Gayle (CMS/OL); (b)(6)
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Subject: E&C Majority Inquiry - Hold Harmless

Location: [\(b\)\(6\)](https://cms.zoomgov.com/j/>(b)(6))

Start: 3/28/2023 6:00:00 PM

End: 3/28/2023 6:30:00 PM

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Required Attendees: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS); Maccarroll, Amber (CMS/CMCS); Silanskis, Jeremy D. (CMS/CMCS); Arnold, Charlie (CMS/CMCS); Clark, Jennifer (CMS/CMCS); Goldstein, Stuart (CMS/CMCS); Boston, Beverly (CMS/CMCS); Mauser, Gayle (CMS/OL); Kirchgraber, Kate (CMS/OL)

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Subject: HOLD: E&C Majority Inquiry - Hold Harmless

Location: <https://cms.zoomgov.com>; (b)(6)

Start: 3/27/2023 8:00:00 PM

End: 3/27/2023 8:30:00 PM

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(CMS/OL); (b)(6)
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Subject: HOLD: E&C Majority Inquiry - Hold Harmless
Location: <https://cms.zoomgov.com/j/adeXgt3PQK> (b)(6)
Start: 3/28/2023 6:00:00 PM
End: 3/28/2023 6:30:00 PM
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Start: 3/27/2023 6:30:00 PM

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(b)(6) Clark, Jennifer
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(b)(6) Kirchgraber, Kate
(CMS/OL); (b)(6)
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Subject: HOLD: E&C Majority Inquiry - Hold Harmless
Location: <https://cms.zoomgov.com/> (b)(6)
Start: 3/27/2023 8:00:00 PM
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Subject: Hold: Harmless request - TX, FL, VA and NV
Location: <https://cms.zoomgov.com/> (b)(6)

Start: 5/9/2023 5:00:00 PM
End: 5/9/2023 5:20:00 PM
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Texas Hold Harmless Litigation

Friday, May 5, 2023 10:00 AM-10:30 AM.

Maccarroll, Amber (CMS/CMCS)

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Subject: Texas CMS Bulletin on Hold Harmless Agreements

Location: <https://cms.zoomgov.com/>; (b)(6)

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Required Attendees: Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS); Kirchgraber, Kate (CMS/OL); Wiley, Evelyn (CMS/CMCS); Chadwick, Alpheus (CMS/OL); Martino, Maria (CMS/OL)

This call is with staff from the offices of Rep. Fletcher (D-TX), Rep. Allred (D-TX) and Rep. Casar (D-TX) who asked to discuss Texas hospitals concerns with the CMS Informational Bulletin regarding hold harmless agreements. Rep. Casar's also has questions whether in 2021, CMS withheld supplemental payments to Texas due to the state government allowing hold harmless agreements to continue and whether that was later overturned by the court.

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Agenda:

- DACA Requirements (Biden EO)
- ILOS – Housing/Food Supports
- Children’s Behavioral Health & DOJ
- Provider Tax and Payments to Private Hospitals – Hold Harmless Proof
- 1115 dental waiver
- New idea for adult dental coverage

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Location: <https://cms.zoomgov.com/join/91234567890>
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End: 4/4/2023 3:30:00 PM
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Required Attendees: Kirchgraber, Kate (CMS/OL); Howe, Rory (CMS/CMCS)
Optional Attendees: Wiley, Evelyn (CMS/CMCS)

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Optional Attendees: Arnold, Charlie (CMS/CMCS); Martino, Maria (CMS/OL); Howell, Cherie (CMS/OL); Chadwick, Alpheus (CMS/OL)

Order of Events:

- Tuesday 3/28 – internal prep for briefing with Rep. Green's (TX) office on how the hold harmless letter relates to Texas (**Draft talking points below; FMG reviewing/seeking CMCS OCD clearance**). We will also plan to use this time to ensure we're all on the same page regarding the bullets that follow.
- Wednesday 3/29 – call with Rep. Green's (TX) office
- Thursday, 3/30 – issuance of Missouri deferral; OL will notify authorizing committee staff and the Missouri delegation (**OL drafting QAs we expect from the Hill**)
- Tuesday, 4/4 – briefing with E&C minority staff on the hold harmless guidance more generally, what states may have hold harmless arrangements, etc.

Draft Talking Points for Rep. Green Call (3/29)

- We know you are interested in particular on Texas, but we thought it might be helpful to first provide some general context about the guidance you asked about:
 - As you know, on February 17, 2023, CMS issued a Medicaid informational bulletin regarding health care-related taxes and hold harmless arrangements involving the redistribution of Medicaid payments.
 - Hold harmless arrangements, as defined in the Medicaid statute, are arrangements in which the State or another unit of government imposing the tax provides (directly or indirectly) for any payment, offset, or waiver that guarantees to hold taxpayers harmless for any portion of the costs of the tax. The statute prohibits these arrangements.
 - Recently, we have been approached by several states with questions about complying with this provision of law, and we have also learned of states that may have existing arrangements or are considering establishing them, particularly with respect to states establishing or renewing Medicaid managed care state directed payments.
 - The informational bulletin reiterates the federal requirements concerning hold harmless arrangements with respect to health care-related taxes. We hope that this guidance provides additional clarity to states, and we also encourage them to raise any questions or concerns they may have about the permissibility of health care-related taxes to CMS as early in the process as possible, to avoid any issues.
- With respect to Texas specifically:
 - As you know, Texas has in place what is known as the Local Provider Payment Fund or LPPF. Based on information obtained by CMS, including limited information provided by the state and publicly available third-party materials, the LPPF arrangements used by some localities in Texas appear to include hold harmless arrangements because the localities impose a tax and the state directly or indirectly provides for payments that guarantee to hold the taxpayers harmless for all or any portion of the tax amount. If our understanding of those LPPF arrangements is correct, they constitute hold harmless arrangements that are prohibited under the Medicaid statute and CMS regulations. [this language is pulled from the publicly available November 2021 letter to the State; page 5 includes additional detail regarding our understanding of the arrangement]
 - CMS has communicated these concerns to the state and, when we recently approved Texas' state directed payments, we included in our approval letter that approval of the state directed payments does not constitute any specific Medicaid financing mechanism used to support the non-federal share of the provider payment arrangement. We also clarified that we reserve the authority to enforce requirements, including by initiating separate deferrals and/or disallowances of federal financial participation.
 - As you may be aware, the HHS OIG announced in November 2021 that it is examining states' use of LPPFs as the state share of Medicaid payments, and that it expects to issue a report in FY 2023 that indicates whether the LPPFs the state agency used were permissible: (b)(5)
- As is the case with any state, if CMS or an oversight agency discovers the existence of impermissible financing practices related to health care related taxes, CMS will take enforcement action as necessary.

Draft Talking Points for E&C Minority Call (4/4)

- As you know, on February 17, 2023, CMS issued a Medicaid informational bulletin regarding health care-related taxes and hold harmless arrangements involving the redistribution of Medicaid payments.
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- This is not new policy: (b)(5)
- Recently, we have been approached by several states with questions about complying with this provision of law, and we have also learned of states that may have existing arrangements or are considering establishing them, particularly with respect to states establishing or renewing Medicaid managed care state directed payments.

- We hope that this guidance provides additional clarity to states, and we also encourage them to raise any questions or concerns they may have about the permissibility of health care-related taxes to CMS as early in the process as possible, to avoid any issues.
- Regarding your question about which states may have these types of arrangements, there are 3 states that CMS understands may have impermissible hold harmless arrangements, and 1 state we wanted to mention as an example of where we were able to intervene early in the process of establishing what may have been an impermissible hold harmless arrangement.
- Starting with the 3 states that may have these arrangements:
 - **Texas:**
 - Texas has in place what is known as the Local Provider Payment Fund or LPPF. Based on information obtained by CMS, including limited information provided by the state and publicly available third-party materials, the LPPF arrangements used by some localities in Texas appear to include hold harmless arrangements because the localities impose a tax and the state directly or indirectly provides for payments that guarantee to hold the taxpayers harmless for all or any portion of the tax amount. If our understanding of those LPPF arrangements is correct, they constitute hold harmless arrangements that are prohibited under the Medicaid statute and CMS regulations. [this language is pulled from the publicly available November 2021 [letter](#) to the State; page 5 includes additional detail regarding our understanding of the arrangement]
 - CMS has communicated these concerns to the state and, when we recently approved Texas' state directed payments, we included in our approval letter that approval of the state directed payments does not constitute any specific Medicaid financing mechanism used to support the non-federal share of the provider payment arrangement. We also clarified that we reserve the authority to enforce requirements, including by initiating separate deferrals and/or disallowances of federal financial participation.
 - As you may be aware, the HHS OIG [announced](#) in November 2021 that it is examining states' use of LPPFs as the state share of Medicaid payments, and that it expects to issue a report in FY 2023 that indicates whether the LPPFs the state agency used were permissible. (b)(5)
 - **Florida:**
 - Similarly, Florida has in place an LPPF that we also understand includes hold harmless arrangements.
 - In Florida's case, we were working with the state for some time in an effort to address the concerns, but have been unable to resolve them. Like Texas, we communicated our concerns to the state and, when we recently approved Florida's state directed payments, we provided the same information as was included in the letter to Texas—that the approval does not constitute approval of the Medicaid financing mechanism, and that we reserve the authority to enforce requirements.
 - In late February, we sent a letter to Florida initiating a Financial Management Review (FMR) to examine the state Medicaid agency's compliance with federal requirements over the next several months.
 - **Missouri:**
 - As you know, we took deferral action in Missouri last week.
 - Missouri has a longstanding arrangement called the Federal Reimbursement Allowance tax program that appears to include a hold harmless arrangement, and in 2019, we became aware of details of the arrangement that outlined hold harmless aspects. In 2020, CMS engaged the state about its concerns. Also in 2020, the then CMCS Director sent a letter to the state describing our concerns and memorializing a conversation with state Medicaid agency leadership who at that time committed to ending the hold harmless arrangement by June 30, 2021.
 - Contrary to its commitment documented in the July 28, 2020 letter, the state recently informed CMS that it does not intend to end its pooling arrangement.
 - In late February, we sent a letter to Missouri initiating a focused review of Missouri's program expenditures reported to CMS on the Form CMS-64, and as part of the review of the CMS-64 for

- *If asked about the size of the deferral:* The \$236.6 million dollar deferral represents the federal portion of the FRA tax collected by the state for the first quarter of 2023. The Medicaid statute (1903(w)(1)(A)(iii)) does not permit only deferring a portion of an unallowable tax. Importantly, though, the state could preserve its entire tax collection by ending the redistributions, which we understand involves only a portion of the FRA tax collected.

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Hey Rory—feel free to invite whoever else you need from CMCS to this prep.

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Subject: Call w/ Sen. Warner and Sen. Cortez Masto offices re: Hold Harmless Agreements

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This is a call with staff from Sen. Warner (VA) and Sen. Cortez Masto's (NV) offices regarding the CMS Informational Bulletin on hold harmless agreements. Staff are asking for more context on the bulletin, the goals of the bulletin, and what it's trying to address. Staff from Senate Finance Committee may also join.

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Good Afternoon, Medicaid CFOs—

This is your 2022 calendar invite for NAMD's CFO Affinity Group. If you are planning on forwarding this invite, please let me know. That way I can include your colleague on our contact list, and they can receive all of our agenda items, key takeaways, and latest intel.

Reach out if you have any questions!

Best,
Neda

Neda Jasemi, NAMD is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Hi Angela,

We received the following follow-up from Cabinet Affairs. Can you let us know answers to their questions tomorrow before 12 pm? Thanks!

"Can you please confirm if this happens tomorrow or what the anticipated date is if not tomorrow?" (b)(5)

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- **[CLOSE HOLD] Informational Bulletin: Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving Redistribution of Medicaid Payments Bulletin:** On/about February 17th, CMS will release an informational bulletin on Health Care-related Taxes and Hold Harmless Arrangements Involving the Redistribution of Medicaid Payments."

From: Hitchcock, Angela (CMS/OA) <Angela.Hitchcock@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 12:51 PM

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Okay, thanks!

From: Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>

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This is perfect—thank you!

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Hi Andres,

Please see the attached update which includes a link to the actual report, for more information. Please let us know if you need anything additional. Thank you!

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Thanks Angela. Can we include a bit more information on the models we're advancing? A few more sentences should do it. We think this will be of interest to raise to POTUS.

- **Drug Pricing Executive Order Report:** On/about February 14th, CMS will release to the public a report on new CMS Innovation Center models that the Secretary has selected to test to lower drug prices. The report was required per executive order and was delivered to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy on January 17th.

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All,

Please find attached CMS's Cabinet Report submission for this week. As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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