

Message

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/); (b)(6)
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Sent: 2/24/2023 4:37:36 PM
To: Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
CC: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Howden, Catherine
(CMS/OC); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Follow-up from yesterday's Black Health Policy Summit

Thanks!

From: Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 11:37 AM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Howden, Catherine (CMS/OC) <Catherine.Howden@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow-up from yesterday's Black Health Policy Summit

I'd refer him to the White House Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Maternal-Health-Blueprint.pdf>

Data starting on page 15 is relevant to his question.

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 11:10 AM
To: Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Howden, Catherine (CMS/OC) <Catherine.Howden@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Follow-up from yesterday's Black Health Policy Summit

Hi Hannah –

The reporter from the root who interviewed (b)(6) on Black Maternal Health is seeking some data to inform his story, specifically around her comments on maternal health disparities that impact Black moms being persistent despite income and education later. Please see his exact question below. Could you work with folks to provide that data and any specific initiatives the administration is doing to address this issue?

Thanks in advance for your help here!

Eden

From: Eng, Adrian (HHS/ASPA) <Adrian.Eng@hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 10:47 AM
To: Keith Reed; (b)(6) Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: Follow-up from yesterday's Black Health Policy Summit

Adding @Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) to help here

Adrian Eng-Gastelum

Senior Advisor | Office of Public Affairs

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

(b)(6) | adrian.eng@hhs.gov

From: Keith Reed (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 7:49:53 AM

To: Eng, Adrian (HHS/ASPA) <Adrian.Eng@hhs.gov>; Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: Follow-up from yesterday's Black Health Policy Summit

Hey, guys. First thanks for reaching out to me about yesterday's summit. I'm currently working on two ideas for stories that will run over the weekend. The first is pretty straightforward and will be based on my interview of yesterday afternoon with Administrator Brooks-LaSure. That story is centered around her comments about maternal health disparities that impact Black moms being persistent despite income and education levels. Adrian, is it possible HHS is keeping any specific data that spells that out a bit more? And can you send me an overview of any specific initiatives from the administration aimed at addressing that issue?

The second piece comes from the first panel on addressing mental health in Black communities. KLB made an interesting comment during that session about her decision to not seek a second term as mayor of Atlanta, saying (and I'm paraphrasing) that she felt a sense of burnout and diminished empathy. I'd really like to expand on that in times of turmoil, even elected leaders can be impacted by the same professional/personal stressors. Erica, is it possible she might give me 10 minutes late this afternoon or tomorrow to suss out exactly what she meant on the panel and talk about two that relates to her current work?

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From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/); (b)(6)
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Sent: 2/27/2023 1:36:48 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(6)
CC: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: WH Black History Month Reception: CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks LaSure Invitation?

Tara and Hannah –

I hope you are doing well today. My name is Eden Tesfaye, and I recently transitioned from the Secretary's Office to the Office for the CMS Administrator. My role encompasses building out our external partner engagement for the agency and press/communications related to the Administrator. I look forward to working with both of you in this new role. Today, I'm reaching out today because the CMS Administrator did not receive an invitation to the WH Black History month reception today. Is there any way she would still be able to attend? It is our understanding that all senate confirmed appointees received an invitation. Unfortunately, the Administrator did not receive one. Please let us know if you all can accommodate this last-minute request. Thanks in advance for your help here.

Thanks again!

Eden

Eden Tesfaye
Advisor, External Affairs
CMS Office of the Administrator

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Message

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) (b)(6)
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Sent: 2/27/2023 4:03:37 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

I called you earlier this am because I found out what went down... unbelievable.

From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 11:03 AM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

I'm floored at how she wasn't on the list here....

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 10:58 AM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

Beth is amazing. We're trying to hit folks from all side. I called WH PPO and asked why the number 3 and senior most Black women at HHS was not invited. There are trying to get her in with Cab Affairs. Might be worth flagging for them on your end as well.

From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 10:57 AM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

I also emailed CLY and asked her to reinforce getting this addressed.

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 10:55 AM
To: Lynk, Florence E <Florence.E.Lynk@hud.gov>; Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception
Importance: High

Beth, thank you so much. So much gratitude for your help here.

Erika – First and foremost, thank you so much for considering this request in the final hour. Please let us know if the Administrator can attend this event. As well as provide event details (time etc.) Additionally, what, if any, COVID-19 testing requirements are required for attendance?

If it's easier to talk via phone, I'm more than happy to give you a call, or feel free to call me at (b)(6)

From: Lynk, Florence E <Florence.E.Lynk@hud.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 10:45 AM

To: Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

Hi Erica,

Thanks so much for taking my call.

Reaching out and cc-ing CMS' Office of the Administrator to inquire about an invitation for the CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure to today's Black History Month reception.

As you know, the Administrator is the highest ranking Black official at HHS.

Thank you so much!
Beth

Message

From: Millones, Vanessa V. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: 2/27/2023 5:27:48 PM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/); (b)(6); Murray, Tara EOP/WHO (b)(6); Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Lynk, Florence E [Florence.E.Lynk@hud.gov]; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
CC: Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO (b)(6); Finkelstein, Jordan G. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Ziskend, Herbie M. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Citron, Jamie R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Bauer, Katherine E. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Kim, Eunjung J. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

Hi Eden – will let you know the moment I hear back on whether we can make this happen. Thanks for your patience.

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 12:26 PM
To: Murray, Tara EOP/WHO (b)(6); Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Lynk, Florence E <Florence.E.Lynk@hud.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Millones, Vanessa V. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO (b)(6); Finkelstein, Jordan G. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Ziskend, Herbie M. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Citron, Jamie R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Bauer, Katherine E. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Kim, Eunjung J. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

@Millones, Vanessa V. EOP/WHO Bumping this note for you. Given the timeline here, please let us know as soon as you can whether or not the Administrator can attend this event and any additional details about the event. If it's easier to hop on the phone, please feel free to give me a call at (b)(6)

Thanks,
Eden

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 11:07 AM
To: Murray, Tara EOP/WHO (b)(6); Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Lynk, Florence E <Florence.E.Lynk@hud.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO (b)(6); Finkelstein, Jordan G. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Ziskend, Herbie M. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Citron, Jamie R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Bauer, Katherine E. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Kim, Eunjung J. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Millones, Vanessa V. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

Thank you, Erika and Tara. Vanessa, please let us know if we can be helpful as you process this request—many thanks to all for your help here.

From: Murray, Tara EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 11:05 AM
To: Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>; Lynk, Florence E <Florence.E.Lynk@hud.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO (b)(6); Finkelstein, Jordan G. EOP/WHO

(b)(6) Ziskend, Herbie M. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Citron,
Jamie R. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Bauer, Katherine E. EOP/WHO
(b)(6); Kim, Eunjung J. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Millones, Vanessa V.
EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

Hi team,

PPO who handles these invitations for appointees is tracking and is working to get an invitation extended to CMS Administrator Brooks-LaSure. I'm copying my PPO colleague Vanessa Millones who is working on this request.

Thank you!

Tara

From: Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 11:02 AM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>; Lynk, Florence E <Florence.E.Lynk@hud.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Murray, Tara EOP/WHO (b)(6) Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO
(b)(6); Finkelstein, Jordan G. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Ziskend,
Herbie M. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Citron, Jamie R. EOP/WHO
(b)(6); Bauer, Katherine E. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Kim, Eunjung J.
EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

Hi All- Thanks for reaching out. Copying my colleagues who can help with this request.

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 10:55 AM
To: Lynk, Florence E <Florence.E.Lynk@hud.gov>; Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception
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Thank you so much!

Beth

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From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
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Sent: 4/21/2023 6:13:14 PM
To: Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Tri-Agency RFI Outline for Comment: Response Requested by 4/25
Attachments: Tri Agency RFI Outline_agency review version (ER).docx

I went through this in like 5 mins, but some very quick thoughts in the attached. We had to pull down OA coordination today due to overlapping mtgs, but let's discuss on Monday.

From: Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) <Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 1:23 AM
To: Labonte, Christiane (CMS/CM) <Christiane.Labonte@cms.hhs.gov>; Martin, Kristi (CMS/CM) <Kristina.Martin@cms.hhs.gov>; Jacobs, Douglas (CMS/CM) <Douglas.Jacobs@cms.hhs.gov>; Wilson, Lisa (CMS/CCIIO) <lisa.wilson@cms.hhs.gov>; Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIIO) <Jeff.Wu@cms.hhs.gov>; Godfrey, Kristal (CMS/CPI) <Kristal.Godfrey@cms.hhs.gov>; Mills, George (CMS/CPI) <george.mills@cms.hhs.gov>; Mclver, LaShawn (CMS/OMH) <LaShawn.Mclver@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; OToole, Meghan (CMS/OA) <Meghan.OToole1@cms.hhs.gov>; Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>; Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>; Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>; Kaiser, Alyssa (CMS/OL) <Alyssa.Kaiser@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Tri-Agency RFI Outline for Comment: Response Requested by 4/25

Hi team,

CFPB sent over the attached outline for the tri-agency CFPB/Treasury/CMS medical debt RFI. I already let them know that the community benefit question they listed under HHS should go to Treasury; but we are looking to offer suggestions on the common questions, respond to the other questions they want us to consider, and provide any other feedback on the RFI at large. Please feel free to add any aligning questions that would be helpful to your work. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Could you please submit any feedback by **noon next Tuesday, April 25?** We will compile and send back. Feel free to reach out if you'd like to discuss/need more context, or if you think anyone else would like to weigh in on this.

Thank you!

Best,

Kristiana

C: (b)(6)

From: Sahaf, Sophie (CFPB) <Sophia.Sahaf@cfpb.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:50 PM

To: Moore, Jonathan (OS/IOS/) <Jonathan.Moore@hhs.gov>; Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) <Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>; Thomas.West2@treasury.gov; (b)(6)@treasury.gov; Sahaf, Sophie (CFPB) <Sophia.Sahaf@cfpb.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(6); Krishna.Vallabhaneni@treasury.gov; Mahoney, Neale A. EOP/WHO; (b)(6); Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6); Rodriguez, Kate M. EOP/WHO; (b)(6); Negron, Michael A. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)

Cc: Thompson, Diane (CFPB) <Diane.Thompson@cfpb.gov>; Nadolski, Karley (CFPB)(she/her) <Karley.Nadolski@cfpb.gov>

Subject: Tri-Agency RFI Outline for Comment: Response Requested by 4/25

Dear colleagues:

Attached, for your review, is the draft outline for the tri-agency RFI. A few things to highlight for you:

- We appreciate your review of the outline by COB Tuesday 4/25. If this poses any problem, please let us know as soon as possible.

- (b)(5)

- (b)(5)

Please reach out with any questions. We will work with Shreeya and Neale to set up a meeting for late next week to discuss your feedback, a potential public field hearing, and next steps.

Best,

Sophie

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From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
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Sent: 2/3/2023 3:39:53 PM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Connecting

Thanks! It's been on my list, and I was waiting for Kyla to come back, but I'm glad you were able to take on that to-do!

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 10:38 AM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Connecting

Copied you as an FYI – (b)(5)
Following through on that do-out and just wanted to make sure you had visibility on it

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/)
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 10:37 AM
To: 'Mohr, Morgan K. EOP/WHO' (b)(6)
Cc: Rozo, Sebastian EOP/WHO (b)(6) Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Connecting

Thank you, Morgan! Sebastian – great to be re-connected with you.

Sebastian –

I work for CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure as an advisor for external affairs (and IGA). (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5) Let me know if you have any questions. Looking forward to hearing back from you soon.

Thanks,
Eden

From: Mohr, Morgan K. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 8:37 AM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Rozo, Sebastian EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: Connecting

Eden, connecting you here with Sebastian, Julie's assistant.

Message

From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
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Sent: 2/10/2023 10:24:16 PM
To: Dervan, Elizabeth (CMS/OL) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Boulanger, Jennifer
(CMS/OL); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Meena at Bicam

TY! How did prep go?

From: Dervan, Elizabeth (CMS/OL) <elizabeth.dervan@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 4:03 PM
To: Boulanger, Jennifer (CMS/OL) <Jennifer.Boulanger@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Meena at Bicam

FYI

From: Dervan, Elizabeth (CMS/OL)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 4:03 PM
To: 'Sullivan, Rose M. EOP/WHO' (b)(6)
Cc: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Meena at Bicam

Confirmed. She is able to attend. Thank you.

From: Sullivan, Rose M. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 3:39 PM
To: Dervan, Elizabeth (CMS/OL) <elizabeth.dervan@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: Meena at Bicam

Hi Liz,

Are we good to confirm Meena for Monday from 1-130?

Thanks!

Rose Sullivan
White House Office of Legislative Affairs
Cell: (b)(6)

Message

From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 2/16/2023 4:09:35 AM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Seshamani, Meena (CMS/OA)
(b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: MA letter

Folks are tracking the letter. (b)(5)

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 3:14 PM
To: Seshamani, Meena (CMS/OA) <Meena.Seshamani@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: MA letter

You guys tracking? Have you had inquiries from Bloomberg?

From: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 2:52 PM
To: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Thomas, Rachel R. EOP/WHO
(b)(6)
Cc: Slevin, Christopher J. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. EOP/WHO
(b)(6) Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: MA letter

Was there any luck on (b)(5)

Any chance we could glean who reporter is? We are tracking a helpful Bloomberg story on MA tomorrow too..

From: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 2:24 PM
To: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Slevin, Christopher J. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. EOP/WHO
(b)(6) Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: FW: MA letter

Hi Kevin – just passing along that Jayapal staff mentioned that Bloomberg will be doing a story on their MA letter tomorrow am.

From: Chan, Jennifer <Jennifer.Chan@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 1:09 PM
To: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: MA letter

Hi Alicia,

Flagging that the letter is set to go out as an exclusive to Bloomberg at 6:00 am tomorrow. I'll send you an updated list of signers towards the end of the day. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything from us.

Best,
Jennifer

Jennifer Chan

Legislative Director
Office of Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)
2346 Rayburn House Office Building | Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-3106



From: Chan, Jennifer

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 6:16 PM

To: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: MA letter

Hi Alicia,

Attached is the MA letter and here is the list of signers –

Signers (55): Jayapal, DeLauro, Schakowsky, Balint, Barragán, Bowman, Bush, Carson, Carter, Casar, Castor, Cherfilus-McCormick, Chu, Cicilline, Clarke, Cohen, Cuellar, Deluzio, DeSaulnier, Dingell, Garamendi, Garcia (IL), Garcia (CA), Garcia (TX), Green, Grijalva, Jackson Lee, Johnson (GA), Kamlager-Dove, Kelly, Khanna, Krishnamoorthi, Lee (CA), Levin, Lieu, McGovern, Meng, Nadler, Napolitano, Norton, Ocasio-Cortez, Pingree, Pocan, Porter, Pressley, Scanlon, Scott (VA), Sherman, Thanedar, Thompson, Tlaib, Tokuda, Tonko, Trahan, Velázquez

Flagging that there are still a bunch that we have confirmed at member level that we are waiting for confirmation at staff level (you know how it goes!). We are tentatively planning to send on Thursday.

Best,
Jennifer

Jennifer Chan

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Message

From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
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Sent: 1/19/2023 3:09:16 PM
To: Harris, Will (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Ellis (she/her), Kyla
(CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Invite to speak at BHM panel at the WH

Thanks, Will. Kyla – can you ask her if she'd be interested in participating (recognizing we don't have a lot of details as of now)? Also of note, she's been asked to participate in an HHS event around this time as well

From: Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 9:56 AM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Invite to speak at BHM panel at the WH

I didn't want to send this into the speaking requests process right away since it's an internal EOP request. How do y'all want to handle this?

From: Millones, Vanessa V. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 5:14 PM
To: Brooks-LaSure, Chiquita (CMS/OA) <Chiquita.Brooks-LaSure@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Guerrero, Bertha (HHS/IOS) <Bertha.Guerrero@hhs.gov>
Subject: Invite to speak at BHM panel at the WH

Good evening Administrator,

My name is Vanessa Millones and I lead a team on leadership development and appointee engagement in PPO. Part of my portfolio includes putting together panel discussions for appointees. These panels are intended to provide folks a chance to hear from leaders in the Admin, learn about their background and get the opportunity to ask questions. It's of course also a great opportunity to connect folks with one another to build community.

As we are approaching Black History Month, I thought it would be particularly interesting to put together an *in-person* panel in the EEOB of Black female leaders in the Admin, such as yourself. If interested in participating, my team and I would be happy to work with your team on scheduling and general logistics.

For your awareness, I plan on asking the following leaders to also join as panelists: Marcia Bernicat, Ventris Gibson and Shalanda Baker. The moderator will likely be a junior staffer at the WH.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for considering,
Vanessa

Vanessa Millones (she/her)
Special Assistant to the President for Leadership Development & Appointee Engagement
Office of Presidential Personnel | The White House

Message

From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 2/18/2023 3:09:26 PM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Invitation from the Vice President and Mr. Emhoff: Black History Month Celebration, February 28, 2023

TY!!

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2023 10:09 AM
To: Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>; (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA)
(b)(6)
Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation from the Vice President and Mr. Emhoff: Black History Month Celebration, February 28, 2023

Thanks, Kyla. Closing the loop here, forms have been submitted.

From: Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 9:40 PM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>; (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation from the Vice President and Mr. Emhoff: Black History Month Celebration, February 28, 2023

Oh and I think the only next step is RSVPing via the link in the invitation below before Tuesday.

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From: Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 9:35 PM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>; (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation from the Vice President and Mr. Emhoff: Black History Month Celebration, February 28, 2023

That sounds great!

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From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 5:47:48 PM
To: Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>; (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA)
(b)(6)
Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation from the Vice President and Mr. Emhoff: Black History Month Celebration, February 28, 2023

Kyla –

Connected with Chiquita on this and she has decided to go. She asked that I staff her. She will be at the White House for the Black History Month panel happening from 4pm – 5pm and will go to the VP event afterwards. Let me know what next steps in locking this in. thank you

Eden

From: Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 8:59 AM

To: (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA) (b)(6)

Cc: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: FW: Invitation from the Vice President and Mr. Emhoff: Black History Month Celebration, February 28, 2023

Want to go?

From: The Vice President Social Office: (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 6:24 PM

To: Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: Invitation from the Vice President and Mr. Emhoff: Black History Month Celebration, February 28, 2023

Greetings,

In celebration of Black History Month 2023, the Vice President and Mr. Emhoff invite Administrator Chiquita Brooks-Lasure and a guest to join them at a reception honoring young Black emerging leaders on **Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm**. In collaboration with BET, this event will recognize leaders who are trailblazing, forging paths and making history across the country and within their communities.

Please find event and RSVP details below.



THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MR. EMHOFF
INVITE YOU AND A GUEST TO CELEBRATE

HONORING YOUNG BLACK EMERGING LEADERS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023
SIX THIRTY IN THE EVENING

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE
NUMBER ONE OBSERVATORY CIRCLE NW
WASHINGTON, D.C.

THIS INVITATION IS NON-TRANSFERABLE

COCKTAIL ATTIRE REFERENCE REQUESTED BY FEBRUARY 21

Address:

The Vice President's Residence
One Observatory Circle, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Time:

6:00 pm – Gates open
6:30 pm – Event begins
7:00 pm – Program start

Attire: Cocktail

RSVP: Kindly accept or regret by **Tuesday, February 21st** via [THIS LINK](#), using the primary email address to which the invitation was sent. Please pay close attention when filling out your information and ensure it is identical to the information on their government issued ID. *Note, this invitation is intended for the invitee only.*

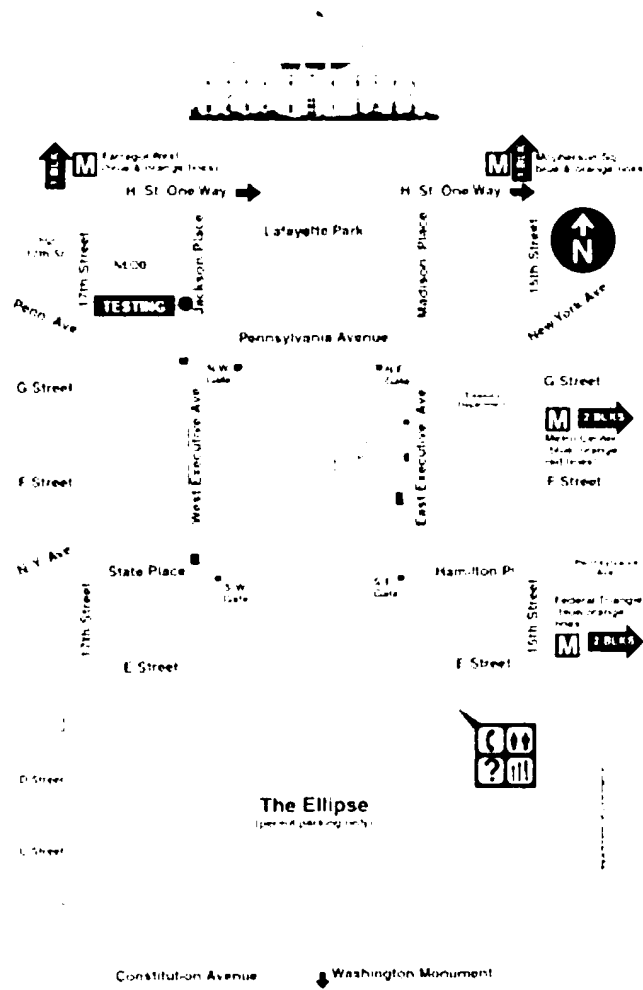
COVID-19 Requirements:

- **Testing:** Testing is required for all guests. Guests may not take self-administered tests.

- Please report to our testing facility at **708 Jackson Place** anytime from **6 am – 4 pm** on **Tuesday, February 28**. Testing earlier in the day is encouraged to avoid long lines. The below map indicates the location of the offsite testing facility.
 - **Guests must wear the colored wristband received during testing to enter The Vice President's Residence.**
 - Please note: this testing facility is only accessible by stairs. If accessibility accommodations are required, please email (b)(6)
- **Vaccination:** When responding to this invitation, all guests must attest to their vaccination status.
 - Guests are considered “fully vaccinated” two weeks after completing the second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine (e.g., Pfizer or Moderna) or two weeks after receiving a single dose of a one-dose vaccine (e.g., Johnson & Johnson/Janssen).
- **Masks:** Fully vaccinated guests are not required to wear a mask on the Vice President's Residence grounds. Guests who are not fully vaccinated must **wear a mask at all times and maintain at least 6 feet distance** from others while on the Vice President's Residence grounds.
- **Consent:** By submitting the information requested, attendees understand that the White House will share this information internally with relevant White House offices in order to coordinate appropriate public health and safety measures for this event.
- **Questions:** If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 guidelines and protocols, please contact (b)(6)

The Vice President and Mr. Emhoff look forward to welcoming Administrator Chiquita Brooks-Lasure to the Vice President's Residence to celebrate Black History Month.

Sincerely,
The Vice President's Social Office



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Message

From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 2/28/2023 4:49:57 PM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Follow-up convo?

Have another item for you as well when we connect.

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 10:43 AM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: Follow-up convo?

I will try to call you then; (b)(5)

On Feb 28, 2023, at 10:42 AM, Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov> wrote:

Can give you a call around 10:55 am or 11:30 am.

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 5:33 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Follow-up convo?

From: Fuentes, Matthew (Schumer) <Matthew_Fuentes@schumer.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 5:32 PM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Follow-up convo?

Thanks. SFC has pretty technical questions, so would be helpful if possible

On Feb 27, 2023, at 5:31 PM, Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6) wrote:

Yes. Let me figure out if it makes sense to include CMS in this call or not.

From: Fuentes, Matthew (Schumer) <Matthew_Fuentes@schumer.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 5:03 PM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: Follow-up convo?

Hi, filled Shawn and Polly in on our convo this morning. Any chance we can set up a call with right admin folks, me and SFC team to talk over?

Message

From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 3/1/2023 1:36:24 AM
To: Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) [Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov]
Subject: RE: RE: Flagging for awareness: WSJ Inquiry - Medicare Advantage

Are you all going w/ this?

From: Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:57 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Flagging for awareness: WSJ Inquiry - Medicare Advantage

FYSA—

Stacy Sanders (she/her)
Counselor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 5:04 PM
To: Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>; Thomas, Rachel R. (b)(6)
(b)(6) Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA) <Elizabeth.Smalley@hhs.gov>; Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A.
(b)(6)
Cc: Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA) <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>; Jones, Kamara (HHS/ASPA) <Kamara.Jones@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Flagging for awareness: WSJ Inquiry - Medicare Advantage

See below on (b)(5)
The quotes (b)(5)
(b)(5) Liz (b)(5) and
I'm going to give you a two min call on this momentarily.

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

From: Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 4:49 PM

To: Thomas, Rachel R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA) <Elizabeth.Smalley@hhs.gov>; Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Cc: Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA) <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>; Jones, Kamara (HHS/ASPA) <Kamara.Jones@hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Flagging for awareness: WSJ Inquiry - Medicare Advantage

Popping in (b)(5) Liz, we can rework it to include.

Stacy Sanders (she/her)
Counselor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Cell: (b)(6)

From: Thomas, Rachel R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 4:41 PM

To: Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA) <Elizabeth.Smalley@hhs.gov>; (b)(6) Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. (b)(6) Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>

Cc: Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA) <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>; Jones, Kamara (HHS/ASPA) <Kamara.Jones@hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Flagging for awareness: WSJ Inquiry - Medicare Advantage

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

From: Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA) <Elizabeth.Smalley@hhs.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 4:36 PM

To: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
(b)(6) Thomas, Rachel R. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS)
<Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>

Cc: Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA) <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>; Jones, Kamara (HHS/ASPA) <Kamara.Jones@hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Flagging for awareness: WSJ Inquiry - Medicare Advantage

Just worked this back with team – updated versions below (b)(5) – let us
know what you think and if you have any additional thoughts/edits. For context – (b)(5)

(b)(5)

In quotation attributable to Stacy Sanders:

(b)(5)

From: Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA)

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 12:57 PM

To: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. (b)(6)
(b)(6) Thomas, Rachel R. (b)(6) Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS)
<Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>

Cc: Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA) <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>; Jones, Kamara (HHS/ASPA) <Kamara.Jones@hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Flagging for awareness: WSJ Inquiry - Medicare Advantage

Thanks, Kevin! Noted and on standby for any additional edits to the below. + @Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS)

From: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 12:33 PM
To: Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA) <Elizabeth.Smalley@hhs.gov>; Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. (b)(6); Thomas, Rachel R. (b)(6)
Cc: Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA) <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>; Jones, Kamara (HHS/ASPA) <Kamara.Jones@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Flagging for awareness: WSJ Inquiry - Medicare Advantage

(b)(5)
(b)(5)

Sorry I need a sec though because (b)(5)

From: Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA) <Elizabeth.Smalley@hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 11:45 AM
To: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA) <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>; Jones, Kamara (HHS/ASPA) <Kamara.Jones@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Flagging for awareness: WSJ Inquiry - Medicare Advantage

Also flagging CMS just sent over a quote they're planning to share with WSJ. Let us know if you have any thoughts/edits to either the Administrator or Stacy's quotes. Thanks!

(b)(5)

From: Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 11:22 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA) <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>; Jones, Kamara (HHS/ASPA) <Kamara.Jones@hhs.gov>
Subject: Flagging for awareness: WSJ Inquiry - Medicare Advantage

Hi (b)(6) – WSJ reporter Anna Mathews reached out with a few technical questions on the Advance Notice proposed rule. We had CMS SME and our counselor Stacy Sanders do a background call to talk through her questions. Call was on deep background and she followed up with a request for a couple quotes to be on the record. Given topic, wanted to flag and make sure you're okay. The below would be attributable to Stacy Sanders. Let us know if this is okay from your end and if you have any questions/need anything else. Thanks!

DRAFT RESPONSE

(b)(5)

Message

From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 3/2/2023 2:19:15 AM
To: Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) (b)(6); Bagenstos, Samuel (HHS/OGC) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Smith-Goodwin, Serena (HHS/IOS) (CTR) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: (b)(5)

Thanks, Stacy. Just me from CMS.

From: Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 6:46 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Bagenstos, Samuel (HHS/OGC) <Samuel.Bagenstos@hhs.gov>; Smith-Goodwin, Serena (HHS/IOS) (CTR) <Serena.Smith-Goodwin@hhs.gov>
Subject: Fwd: (b)(5)

Erin, Sam, see below. I'll ask Serena to work with your EAs to land the time that works for all. Let me know if anyone else should be included.

Serena, can you help find which of the below options works for me, Sam, and Erin to talk to DPC? Thank you!

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From: Landrieu, Grace G. EOP/WHC (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 6:22 PM
To: Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

We may have lost Friday at 9 and lost Monday at 12, but we can still do Friday at 12 and Monday at 11. We can also do Monday at 1:30 or 2.

From: Landrieu, Grace G. EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 12:52 PM
To: 'Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS)' <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>; Drake, Celeste E. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Bhat, Nisha V. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Brown, Rachel A. EOP/WHO
(b)(6); Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Moore, Jonathan (OS/IOS/) <Jonathan.Moore@hhs.gov>; Fernandes, Rhea M. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Stacy-

Many apologies the very long delay. We're happy to discuss (b)(5)
(b)(5) It might be most helpful (b)(5)

We're available Friday at 9am and 12pm and Monday at 11am and 12pm. If those don't work, feel free to send over additional times next week (we have more availability next week but none this week).

Thank you!
Grace

From: Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 2:01 PM

To: Landrieu, Grace G. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Drake, Celeste E. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Bhat, Nisha V. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Brown, Rachel A. EOP/WHO

(b)(6) Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Moore, Jonathan (OS/IOS/) <Jonathan.Moore@hhs.gov>

Subject: (b)(5)

Hi, Katherine and Celeste,

Hope you're both well. I am on a fact-finding mission and hope one or both of you can help me out! (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Any chance we could find 15 minutes this week to hear more? It'd be helpful to

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Happy to arrange a group chat, as needed, or hop on the phone one-on-one. Thanks very much.

Stacy Sanders (she/her)

Counselor to the Secretary

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Cell: (b)(6)

Message

Sent: 4/4/2023 10:11:13 PM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: call

Just tried you back. I'm around.

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 6:01 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: call

Sounds good.

From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 5:58 PM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: call

On a call – will call you back

Erin Richardson (she/her)
Chief of Staff



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Message

From: Oakar, Catherine R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: 4/5/2023 1:50:57 PM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
CC: Dorsey, Rykia G. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Kraus, John (HHS/ASPA) (b)(6); Jones, Kamara (HHS/ASPA) (b)(6); Alexander, Bruce (CMS/OC) (b)(6); Bloom, Elizabeth C. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6); Lonardo, Sara (CMS/OC) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Black Maternal Health Plans - CMS/ HHS

Great- thanks!

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 9:13 AM
To: Oakar, Catherine R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Dorsey, Rykia G. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Kraus, John (HHS/ASPA) <John.Kraus@hhs.gov>; Jones, Kamara (HHS/ASPA) <Kamara.Jones@hhs.gov>; Alexander, Bruce (CMS/OC) <Bruce.Alexander@cms.hhs.gov>; Bloom, Elizabeth C. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Lonardo, Sara (CMS/OC) <sara.lonardo@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Black Maternal Health Plans - CMS/ HHS

+ Hi Cat – (b)(5)

From: Oakar, Catherine R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 9:09 AM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Dorsey, Rykia G. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Kraus, John (HHS/ASPA) <John.Kraus@hhs.gov>; Jones, Kamara (HHS/ASPA) <Kamara.Jones@hhs.gov>; Alexander, Bruce (CMS/OC) <Bruce.Alexander@cms.hhs.gov>; Bloom, Elizabeth C. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: Black Maternal Health Plans - CMS/ HHS

QQ, Eden- (b)(5) ??

On Apr 4, 2023, at 9:22 AM, Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov> wrote:

Hi All –

Thanks so much for this note. (b)(5) Currently, we have one event locked with Howard University's Men's basketball team. Event details are below. We will follow up with our other engagements once we lock those in later this week. Feel free to reach out with any questions. Thanks!

Date: Tuesday, April 11th

Time: 8:45am - 10am

Location: Howard University

What: HU Basketball team Breakfast with CMS Administrator Brooks LaSure (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

From: Dorsey, Rykia G. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 2:32 PM

To: Kraus, John (HHS/ASPA) <John.Kraus@hhs.gov>; Jones, Kamara (HHS/ASPA) <Kamara.Jones@hhs.gov>; Alexander, Bruce (CMS/OC) <Bruce.Alexander@cms.hhs.gov>; Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>

Cc: Oakar, Catherine R. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Bloom, Elizabeth C. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Subject: Black Maternal Health Plans - CMS/ HHS

Hey: I don't think we discussed, but (b)(5)

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Please loop anyone that I missed.

Thanks!

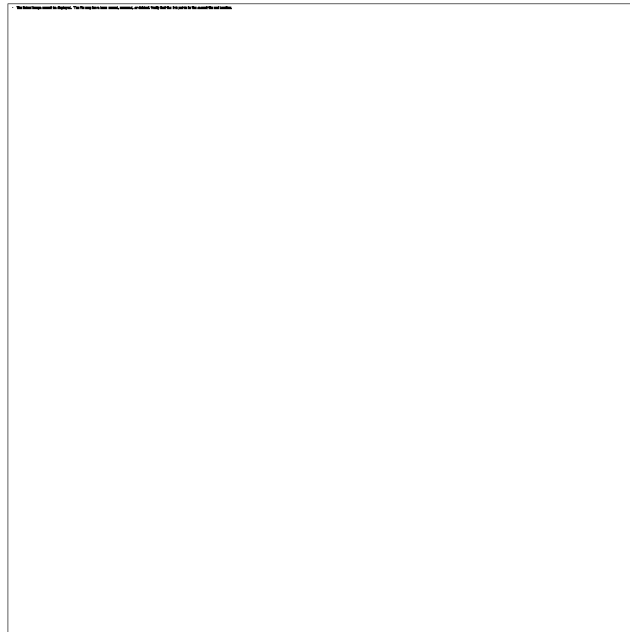
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(b)(6)

Message

From: White House Office of Public Engagement (b)(6)
Sent: 4/5/2023 5:51:41 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
Subject: Weekly Health Community Engagement Newsletter

Weekly Health Community Engagement Newsletter



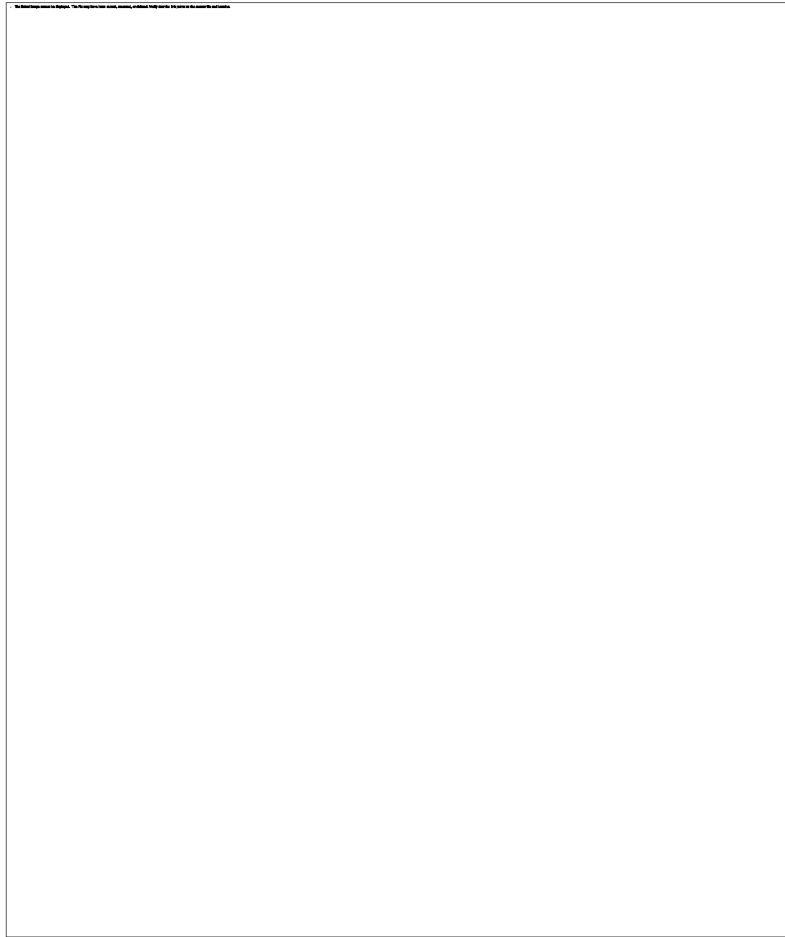
Health Community Updates
April 5, 2023

As a reminder, our next White House Community Health Call will be
Today, Wednesday, April 5 at 2:30pm ET. [You can RSVP here.](#) Please invite
colleagues and members of your community – all are welcome.

Investing in America

Last week, White House announced that President Biden will be kicking off an Administration-wide, three-week Investing in America tour that will highlight how the President's economic policies are benefiting hardworking Americans across the country and reinforce what's at stake if MAGA Republicans in Congress get their way and repeal the Inflation Reduction Act and slash funding for manufacturing, research, and innovation.

[Learn more at www.whitehouse.gov/invest/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/invest/)



What They Are Reading in the States: Biden-Harris Administration is Investing in America; Local Communities Reap Benefits | The White House

The Biden-Harris Administration Takes Critical Action to Make Naloxone More Accessible and Prevent Fatal Overdoses from Opioids Like Fentanyl

Over the past year, the Biden-Harris Administration took unprecedented steps to expand access to naloxone and other harm reduction interventions, such as permitting the use of federal funding for state and local public health departments to purchase naloxone, focusing on state development of naloxone saturation plans, issuing guidance aimed at making it easier for harm reduction programs to obtain and distribute naloxone to at-risk populations, and prioritizing the review of nonprescription naloxone applications as appropriate.

Last week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the first nonprescription, “over-the-counter” (OTC) naloxone nasal spray, Narcan. Naloxone – a medicine that can reverse an opioid-related overdose – has been shown to be a critical tool to prevent fatal overdoses, connect more people to treatment for substance use disorder, and save lives. This action by the Biden-Harris administration to make this naloxone product available without a prescription will pave the way for the life-saving medication to be sold directly to consumers in places like drug stores, convenience stores, grocery stores and gas stations, as well as online.

Resources

- PRESS RELEASE: [The Biden-Harris Administration Takes Critical Action to Make Naloxone More Accessible and Prevent Fatal Overdoses from Opioids Like Fentanyl](#)
- PRESS RELEASE: [FDA Approves First Over-the-Counter Naloxone Nasal Spray](#)
- FACT SHEET: [White House Releases 2022 National Drug Control Strategy that Outlines Comprehensive Path Forward to Address Addiction and the Overdose Epidemic](#)
- HHS: [Overdose Prevention Strategy](#)

National Public Health Week

More than 230 million Americans are fully vaccinated. COVID deaths are down more than 90 percent. Schools and businesses are open and thriving. And these gains are thanks in large part to the absolute courage and commitment of everyone who contributes to protecting our public health -- including first responders and social workers, scientists and researchers, doctors and nurses, and so many others.

Through the American Rescue Plan, we invested \$7.6 billion in community health centers, and my latest budget would put us on a path to doubling the size of the Health Center Program, which funds

care in underserved areas. To take on the public health epidemic of gun violence, we passed the most significant gun safety law in three decades, which includes enhanced background checks for individuals under age 21, and funding for red flag laws that can help keep guns from people who are a danger to themselves and others. We have also made the biggest-ever investment in fighting the public health threat represented by the climate crisis through the Justice40 Initiative works to ensure that 40 percent of our clean energy investments flow to disadvantaged communities that have so often borne the brunt, including the health consequences, of environmental damage. These are all vital public health issues. Their range reminds us how connected our health is to the health of others. Thus, President Joe Biden of the United States of America, proclaims April 3 through April 9, 2023, as National Public Health Week.

A Proclamation on National Public Health Week, 2023

National Cancer Control Month

During National Cancer Control Month, we call on all Americans to join our movement to end cancer as we know it. By raising awareness of the risk factors, promoting life-saving regular screenings, investing in research, and expanding access to affordable treatment, we can give patients, survivors, and their families the hope and new beginnings they deserve.

We have made enormous progress in the half-century since our country first declared war on cancer. Despite all that progress, cancer still claims the lives of over 600,000 Americans a year. And for many communities of color, the mortality rates are far worse, with Black Americans facing the highest mortality rate of any racial and ethnic group for all cancers combined and for most major cancers.

Improving treatment options is only part of the fight -- we also need to make those treatments more affordable for everyone. To that end, the American Rescue Plan expanded the Affordable Care Act, which requires insurers to pay for cancer screenings and primary care visits and to cover cancer survivors and others who have preexisting conditions. Because detecting cancer early can increase survival, we urge all Americans to catch up on routine screening appointments they may have missed during the pandemic and to encourage loved ones to do the same. Thus, President Joe Biden of the United States of America, proclaims April 2023 as National Cancer Control Month.

A Proclamation on National Cancer Control Month, 2023

National Donate Life Month

More than 400,000 Americans in every corner of our country are alive today thanks to the tremendous generosity and courage of organ donors. During National Donate Life Month, we honor donors and their families who have turned pain into purpose by sharing the gift of life with loved ones in need or countless others whom they have never met. We encourage everyone to follow their lead and register as an organ, eye, tissue, or bone marrow donor, bringing hope and healing to so many others.

Last year, American doctors completed our Nation's one-millionth organ transplant, a tremendous milestone in the history of a procedure pioneered and honed in America. Still, every 10 minutes, someone new joins the waiting list -- fighting organ failure or blood cancer, their futures hanging in the balance. We each have the power to change that. Just one person can save up to 8 lives through organ donation after they die and improve another 75 lives through eye and tissue donation.

The Biden-Harris Administration launched the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Modernization Initiative to better serve the needs of patients and families across the country. We have published data on organ donors, organ procurements, transplant waitlists, and transplant recipients. We will foster competition, working to promote the use of innovative technology and ensure the highest quality of care is provided to patients.

A Proclamation National Donate Life Month, 2023

ICYMI: Ted Lasso Sends a Message about the Importance of Mental Health from the White House

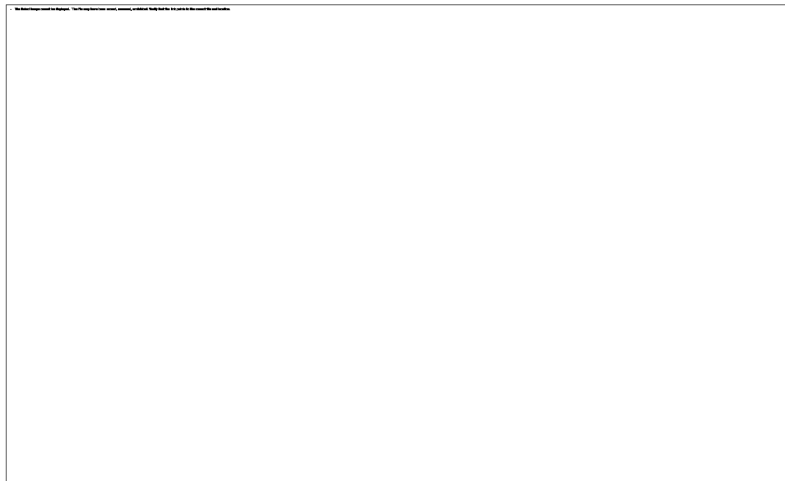
Recently, the cast of Ted Lasso will met with the President and First Lady to discuss the importance of addressing your mental health to promote overall well-being. President Biden has made addressing the mental health crisis a core pillar of his [Unity Agenda](#). His strategy is focused on training more providers, making care more affordable and accessible, and creating healthier and

safer communities, including online. And under the President's leadership, the Biden-Harris Administration has:

- Provided unprecedented resources to help address mental health needs across our nation, particularly for young people that have been exposed to violence;
- Distributed funds to help grow the pipeline of school-based mental health professionals;
- Expanded trauma-informed services in schools and connected youth in need to mental health experts via telehealth;
- Provided nearly \$500 million to help states transition to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline helping countless individuals get more timely access to confidential counseling and crisis care.

I want to take the opportunity to remind everyone watching that confidential counseling is available for anyone experiencing a mental health or suicide crisis by calling or texting 988 to reach the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. As Mr. Sudeikis said, "check in with your — you know, your neighbor, your coworker, your friends, your family, and ask how they're doing and listen sincerely."

Click [here](#) for the White House Mental Health Discussion and [here](#) for recent statements on mental health from the White House



Mental Health Resources:

- [U.S. Department of Health & Human Services](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)

Biden-Harris Administration Announces the Application Period for Fall Session of the White House Internship Program

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The White House Internship Program is a public service leadership and development program that provides emerging leaders with an opportunity to gain valuable skills while supporting the work of the White House and furthering the priorities of the Biden-Harris Administration. This program provides paid internships across the Executive Office of the President. Interns participating in the White House Internship Program will support the White House Office and the Office of the Vice President.

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2. Graduated from an accredited undergraduate or graduate program at a college, community college, or university (two- to four-year institution) no more than two years prior to the first day of the Program
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Interested candidates can find the Program's online application at [WH.gov/intern](https://www.whitehouse.gov/intern).

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(b)(6)
Subject: FW: FW: Invite to speak at BHM panel at the WH

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(b)(6)
Sent: 4/6/2023 11:09:04 PM
To: Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO)
(b)(6)
(b)(6) Richardson (she/her),
Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Re: Re: Deliberative

Super and I also will fyi/coordinate with the Tri-D.

Lisa Wilson

(b)(6)

CCIIO/CMS

From: Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 4:15:45 PM
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Subject: RE: Deliberative

Sure thing!

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Good! And ok for me to rope in Alyssa/Rachel in OC on (b)(5)?

Lisa J. Wilson

lisa.wilson@cms.hhs.gov

(b)(6)

(cell phone)

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The last information we got (b)(5)

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cover note. So, I think it would be good to

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I assume

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Can circle back with ASPA/Rachel

on the

(b)(5)

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One more question on

(b)(5)

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Any other thoughts on

(b)(5)?

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Subject: Re: Deliberative

Great—will send to our bigger team.

Lisa Wilson

(b)(6)

CCIIO/CMS

From: Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 11:34:52 AM

To: Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Wilson, Lisa (CMS/CCIIO) <lisa.wilson@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: FW: Deliberative

Looks like we are OK to

(b)(5)

See below. My preference

is that

(b)(5)

From: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 1:09 PM

To: Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: FW: Deliberative

Sent this to myself.

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Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 1:09 PM
To: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Deliberative

Just read more closely (b)(5)

From: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS)
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 12:47 PM
To: Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <ellen.montz@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Deliberative

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 10:51 AM
To: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; (b)(6)
Keith, Katie M. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Kreisberg, Jeremy S. EOP/WHO
(b)(6)
Cc: Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Bagenstos, Samuel (HHS/OGC) <Samuel.Bagenstos@hhs.gov>; Lopez, Steven (HHS/OS/IOS) <Steven.Lopez@hhs.gov>; Sullivan, Meg (HHS/IOS) <Meg.Sullivan@hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Deliberative

Thanks; adding Katie and Jeremy. I feel (b)(5)

(b)(5)

From: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 10:39 AM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO
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Cc: Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Bagenstos, Samuel (HHS/OGC) <Samuel.Bagenstos@hhs.gov>; Lopez, Steven (HHS/OS/IOS) <Steven.Lopez@hhs.gov>; Sullivan, Meg (HHS/IOS) <Meg.Sullivan@hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>
Subject: Deliberative

Hi all-

Wanted to put in writing some of what I've discussed in more detail with Jessica, and a little bit with Christen this AM. Summarizing here where we're at on (b)(5)

Flagging that our Counsel is working (b)(5)

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Please let us know if you think there is anything we're missing that is needed. Steven/Meg- chime in with anything I might have missed.

Thanks,

Rachel

Rachel Pryor
Counselor to the Secretary

(b)(6) (cell)

Message

From: Thomas, Rachel R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: 4/7/2023 12:01:52 PM
To: Alexander, Bruce (CMS/OC); (b)(6)
CC: Bloom, Elizabeth C. EOP/WHO; (b)(6); Dorsey, Rykia G. EOP/WHO; (b)(6); Scully, Kelly A. EOP/WHO; (b)(6); Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA); (b)(6); Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6); Lonardo, Sara (CMS/OC); (b)(6); Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS); (b)(6); Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA); (b)(6); (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Re: For FYI only- Pitch to Reporters on IRA/Drug Negotiation

Thanks Bruce. What are the key points that they'll be driving?

On Apr 7, 2023, at 7:51 AM, Alexander, Bruce (CMS/OC) <Bruce.Alexander@cms.hhs.gov> wrote:

Team EOP

As a part of our proactive IRA media strategy, our Administrator and Dr Seshamani want to raise awareness on IRA, including the drug negotiation program and the upcoming comment deadline on the initial guidance ending Friday, April 14. In addition, with the increased inquiries we're getting, there is some increasing swirl by the outside world on IRA.

Here's the list of reporters we are sending the pitches to:

1. Rachel Rouben/Washington Post Health 202
2. Krista Mahr and/or Daniel Payne/Politico Pulse (or David Lim)
3. Maya Goldman/Axios
4. Stephanie Armour/WSJ
5. Amanda Seitz/AP
6. Ahmed Aboulenein/Reuters
7. Joyce Friedman/MedPage Today
8. Rylee Wilson/Becker's Payer Issues
9. Susan Morse/Healthcare Finance
10. Tami Luhby/CNN
11. John Tozzi/Bloomberg News
12. Celine Castronovo/Bloomberg Law
13. Gabrielle Wanneh/Inside Health Policy

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Thanks, Bee. I think we were waiting on some dates/times, so I'll have the scheduling team run those dates/times past her calendar to check availability.

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Sent: 1/20/2023 3:25:42 PM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
CC: Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Weekly: CLY / Erin Richardson

Sounds good!

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
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-----Original Appointment-----

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Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO; 'Richardson, Erin (CMS/OA)'
Subject: Weekly: CLY / Erin Richardson
When: Friday, January 20, 2023 11:00 AM-11:30 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
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Of course this is running longer than usual today, but will call as soon as it wraps!

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Sent: 3/8/2023 11:50:42 PM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=be32f35d09f44310a0fa0d2ccd13ddd4-140ef1ce-d3]; (b)(6)
Administrator (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Invitation from The President and Dr. Biden for a presentation of the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal on Tuesday, March 21

Fantastic!

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:40 PM
To: (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA); (b)(6) Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation from The President and Dr. Biden for a presentation of the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal on Tuesday, March 21

Yay!! Brian flagged this AM they submitted your name. So glad it came through!

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From: (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:39:21 PM
To: Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Invitation from The President and Dr. Biden for a presentation of the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal on Tuesday, March 21

You all are so good to me "😊"

From: The White House Social Office RSVP (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:35 PM
To: (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
Subject: Invitation from The President and Dr. Biden for a presentation of the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal on Tuesday, March 21

Dear Administrator Brooks-LaSure,

Please see your invitation below for a presentation of the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal to be held at the White House on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

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- **RSVP:** Accept or regret using [THIS LINK](#) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 16th.

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and the
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The White House
on Tuesday, March 21, 2023
at four-thirty o'clock*

Please respond via this link

Kindly direct any questions to

*The Social Secretary
The White House*

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Message

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: 2/10/2023 11:34:25 AM
To: Sills, Sara R. EOP/OMB (b)(6); Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
CC: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) (b)(6); Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) (b)(6); Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) (b)(6); Walker, Abigail (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: DSH 3rd Party Payer - Passback with OMB?

Yes, I cleared. If you don't hear anything by 3:30pm today, Perrie, let us know.

From: Sills, Sara R. EOP/OMB (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 7:12 PM
To: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>; Walker, Abigail (CMS/CMCS) <Abigail.Walker@cms.hhs.gov>; Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: DSH 3rd Party Payer - Passback with OMB?

You should be fine. We signed off with OIRA today and believe Jessica was right behind us. Perrie, let's chat tomorrow on process (more about ours than yours).

On Feb 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM, Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov> wrote:

Hi Sara and Jessica,

We are working towards a 2/14 release of the Medicaid DSH 3rd Party Payer NPRM. We have been informed by OSORA that final passback is with OMB, and has been since earlier this week. OSORA nor Exec Sec have received any information as to why. Do you know of any reason why it may be stuck?

Once OMB sends a passback, HHS can move forward with getting this published next week.

Thank you!

Best,
Perrie

Perrie Briskin

Policy Advisor, Office of the Center Director
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS)

Cell: (b)(6)

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Message

From: Delone, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
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Sent: 2/16/2023 8:35:49 PM
To: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Spector, Sarah
(CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Tsai, Daniel
(CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Weiss, Alice (CMS/CMCS)
(b)(6) ; Clark, Liz (CMS/CMCS)
(b)(6) Steinberg, Marc
(CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Costello, Anne Marie
(CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Vitolo, Sara
(CMS/FCHCO) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Hebert, Krista
(CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
CC: Barry, Meg (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Clearance calendar for DACA

Thank you, Perrie! Rory says he thinks Abby Walker can carve some time out, but has a pretty full plate and so would need assistance. So, if you could support Abby, and DMEP can provide whatever policy explanation/input is needed, we have a solution to this particular problem.

From: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 1:35 PM
To: Delone, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Delone2@CMS.hhs.gov>; Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Weiss, Alice (CMS/CMCS) <Alice.Weiss@cms.hhs.gov>; Clark, Liz (CMS/CMCS) <Elizabeth.Clark@cms.hhs.gov>; Steinberg, Marc (CMS/CMCS) <Marc.Steinberg@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Vitolo, Sara (CMS/FCHCO) <Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov>; Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Barry, Meg (CMS/CMCS) <meg.barry@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Clearance calendar for DACA

I'd also be happy to help and/or tag team with Abby on it!

From: Delone, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Delone2@CMS.hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 11:43 AM
To: Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Weiss, Alice (CMS/CMCS) <Alice.Weiss@cms.hhs.gov>; Clark, Liz (CMS/CMCS) <Elizabeth.Clark@cms.hhs.gov>; Steinberg, Marc (CMS/CMCS) <Marc.Steinberg@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Vitolo, Sara (CMS/FCHCO) <Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov>; Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Barry, Meg (CMS/CMCS) <meg.barry@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Clearance calendar for DACA

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From: Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 11:18 AM

To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Delone, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Delone2@CMS.hhs.gov>; Weiss, Alice (CMS/CMCS) <Alice.Weiss@cms.hhs.gov>; Clark, Liz (CMS/CMCS) <Elizabeth.Clark@cms.hhs.gov>; Steinberg, Marc (CMS/CMCS) <Marc.Steinberg@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Vitolo, Sara (CMS/FCHCO) <Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov>; Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>

Cc: Barry, Meg (CMS/CMCS) <meg.barry@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Clearance calendar for DACA

Dan, we're working towards this timeline and marshalling resources.

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I'm working closely with Sarah, Alice, and Liz if there are other things that will need to get staffed differently or pushed, given the team that will need to focus time on this.

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

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 10:27 AM

To: Delone, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Delone2@CMS.hhs.gov>; Weiss, Alice (CMS/CMCS) <Alice.Weiss@cms.hhs.gov>; Clark, Liz (CMS/CMCS) <Elizabeth.Clark@cms.hhs.gov>; Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>; Steinberg, Marc (CMS/CMCS) <Marc.Steinberg@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Vitolo, Sara (CMS/FCHCO) <Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov>; Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: FW: Clearance calendar for DACA

FYI. Let me know any issues I need to flag.

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From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 10:17 AM

To: Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>; Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>

Cc: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIIO) <Jeff.Wu@cms.hhs.gov>; Kreisberg, Jeremy S. EOP/WHO

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Subject: RE: Clearance calendar for DACA

Hey, Ellen – happy to chat further but

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Will obviously keep you all posted.

From: Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 6:56 PM

To: Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA)

<Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>

Cc: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIIO) <Jeff.Wu@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: Clearance calendar for DACA

Good evening. Just putting everyone on here at once.

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Happy to connect in the morning as

well if folks want to talk about it.

Ellen

Message

From: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS); (b)(6)
Sent: 4/11/2023 2:14:16 AM
To: Akpa, Stephanie O. EOP/OMB; (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
CC: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Re: (b)(5)

Got it!

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From: Akpa, Stephanie O. EOP/OMB; (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 7:13:21 PM
To: (b)(6); Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

Roger that; thank you.

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 7:10 PM
To: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Erin Richardson <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Akpa, Stephanie O. EOP/OMB; (b)(6)
Cc: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Subject: Re: (b)(5)

Adding Erin and Steph; (b)(5) Will keep you posted as I learn more.

On Apr 10, 2023, at 6:38 PM, Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov> wrote:

Thank you thank you

Perfect.

Phew!

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From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 5:36:30 PM
To: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 5:30 PM

To: 'Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS)' <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO

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Subject: RE: (b)(5)

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From: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 5:26 PM

To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO

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Subject: (b)(5)

Checking in (b)(5)

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Message

From: Raymond, Jonathan (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 4/11/2023 4:09:45 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Weekly: CLY / Erin Richardson

Will do!

From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 12:08 PM
To: Raymond, Jonathan (CMS/OA) <Jonathan.Raymond@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Weekly: CLY / Erin Richardson

JR – can you reach out to CLY’s scheduler to get this moved. It conflicts w/ the COO meeting I need to attend.

I could do 8:30 am or 12-1 pm. I could also make 10 am work if needed. Thanks!

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA)
Subject: Weekly: CLY / Erin Richardson
When: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:00 AM-11:30 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Christen calls Erin

Appointment

From: Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: 4/11/2023 4:19:48 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Weekly: CLY / Erin Richardson
Location: Christen calls Erin
Start: 4/14/2023 4:00:00 PM
End: 4/14/2023 4:30:00 PM
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Recurrence: (none)

Message

From: Day, Joy (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 4/11/2023 9:43:03 PM
To: Tomaszewski, Maddie R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
CC: Richter (she/her), Liz (CMS/CM); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Guerrero, Bertha (HHS/IOS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Rosenzweig, Dana E. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Caesar, Myra P. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Johnson, Aliyah N. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Posada, Michael R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
(b)(6); Blakemore, Jess M. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Kaplun, Brian (HHS/IOS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: White House Detail for Emily Forrest

Received. Thank you.

Joy Day

Office of the Administrator

Email: joy.day@cms.hhs.gov | Phone: 410.786.4948 | Mobile: (b)(6)

From: Tomaszewski, Maddie R. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 5:31 PM
To: Day, Joy (CMS/OA) <Joy.Day@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Richter (she/her), Liz (CMS/CM) <elizabeth.richter@cms.hhs.gov>; Guerrero, Bertha (HHS/IOS) <Bertha.Guerrero@hhs.gov>; Rosenzweig, Dana E. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Caesar, Myra P. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Johnson, Aliyah N. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Posada, Michael R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Blakemore, Jess M. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Kaplun, Brian (HHS/IOS) <Brian.Kaplun@hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: White House Detail for Emily Forrest

Hi Joy, thanks again for the call. As discussed, here is the letter of invitation, along with the MOU, for your processing. Please let us know if you need anything else in the meantime.

Thanks again!

Maddie

From: Tomaszewski, Maddie R. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 9:30 AM
To: Day, Joy (CMS/OA) <Joy.Day@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Richter (she/her), Liz (CMS/CM) <elizabeth.richter@cms.hhs.gov>; Guerrero, Bertha (HHS/IOS) <Bertha.Guerrero@hhs.gov>; Rosenzweig, Dana E. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Caesar, Myra P. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Johnson, Aliyah N. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Posada, Michael R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Blakemore, Jess M. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Kaplun, Brian (HHS/IOS) <Brian.Kaplun@hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: White House Detail for Emily Forrest

Yes, no problem! We will send later today. Appreciate it.

On Apr 10, 2023, at 9:24 AM, Day, Joy (CMS/OA) <Joy.Day@cms.hhs.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Liz.

Good morning,

I am working with the CMS and the HHS team to process the detail request for Emily Forrest.

I have the MOU, thank you for sending. In order to expediate the request, can you also provide the WH Invitation Letter? I attached a copy of the previous Detailee for reference.

Thank you,

Joy

From: Richter (she/her), Liz (CMS/CM) <elizabeth.richter@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 9:22 AM

To: Guerrero, Bertha (HHS/IOS) <Bertha.Guerrero@hhs.gov>; Tomaszewski, Maddie R. EOP/WHO

<(b)(6)>

Cc: Rosenzweig, Dana E. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Caesar, Myra P. EOP/WHO

(b)(6) Day, Joy (CMS/OA) <Joy.Day@cms.hhs.gov>; Johnson, Aliyah N.

EOP/WHO (b)(6) Posada, Michael R. EOP/WHO

(b)(6) Blakemore, Jess M. EOP/WHO

(b)(6) Kaplun, Brian (HHS/IOS) <Brian.Kaplun@hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: White House Detail for Emily Forrest

And Joy Day for CMS....

Liz Richter (she/her)

Deputy Director, Center for Medicare

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From: Guerrero, Bertha (HHS/IOS) <Bertha.Guerrero@hhs.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 7, 2023 12:01 PM

To: Tomaszewski, Maddie R. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Richter (she/her), Liz (CMS/CM) <elizabeth.richter@cms.hhs.gov>

Cc: Rosenzweig, Dana E. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Caesar, Myra P. EOP/WHO

(b)(6) Johnson, Aliyah N. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Posada, Michael R. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Blakemore, Jess M. EOP/WHO

(b)(6) Kaplun, Brian (HHS/IOS) <Brian.Kaplun@hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: White House Detail for Emily Forrest

Hi, Maddie –

Adding Brian Kaplun who is also tracking this request.

Bee

From: Tomaszewski, Maddie R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 7, 2023 8:50 AM
To: Richter (she/her), Liz (CMS/CM) <elizabeth.richter@cms.hhs.gov>; Guerrero, Bertha (HHS/IOS) <Bertha.Guerrero@hhs.gov>
Cc: Rosenzweig, Dana E. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Caesar, Myra P. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Johnson, Aliyah N. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Posada, Michael R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Blakemore, Jess M. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: White House Detail for Emily Forrest

Hi Liz and Bee,

I am reaching out as I understand that you are the right points of contact to process the detail agreement for Emily Forrest and that you are (hopefully!) already in the loop on this request. Given that, I've attached a proposed MOU for your review and approval. The MOU is for a non-reimbursable detail under 3 U.S.C. 112 for 180 days (FYI, the exact dates of the 180 days may change depending on when the onboarding process completes, thought the team is hoping Emily can start on April 17).

We know Emily will be a great asset to our team, supporting the work of the Domestic Policy Council.

Myra Caesar serves as the approving authority for personnel actions in the White House Office and will be the signatory on this agreement when executed. My colleagues Michael Posada and Jess Blakemore from White House Counsel as well as Dana Rosenzweig and Aliyah Johnson from White House Personnel are copied on this email, for tracking and coordination purposes. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!

Maddie

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Maddie Tomaszewski (she/her)
Office of Management & Administration

(b)(6)

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Message

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: 4/16/2023 11:40:36 AM

To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)

Subject: Re: Re: 4/18 - EOP/HHS/CMS Nursing Home Check-In (b)(6)

You should just talk to Stacy at this point.

On Apr 16, 2023, at 7:16 AM, Ramamurti, Bharat R. EOP/WHO (b)(6) wrote:

I defer to you, Stacy. If the larger group is what you recommend and is not inconvenient for HHS/CMS, I am fine with that. Thanks.

From: Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>

Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 12:20 PM

To: Ramamurti, Bharat R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Kreisberg, Jeremy S. EOP/WHO

(b)(6); Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) <Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov>

Cc: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. EOP/WHO

(b)(6); Garden-Monheit, Hannah R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

(b)(6); Brown, Rachel A. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC)

<PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>; Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO

(b)(6); Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Thompson,

Karl R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: Re: 4/18 - EOP/HHS/CMS Nursing Home Check-In

Thanks, all. HHS/CMS/OGC are talking on Monday about (b)(5)

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We planned to bring (b)(5)

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Bharat, Christen, let us know what would be most helpful and we'll make it happen: smaller group with lawyers, meeting on all inputs with SMEs and lawyers, or something else!

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From: Ramamurti, Bharat R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 9:37:24 PM

To: Kreisberg, Jeremy S. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA)

<Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov>

Cc: (b)(6); Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. (b)(6)

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Thompson, Karl R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: RE: 4/18 - EOP/HHS/CMS Nursing Home Check-In

That works for me.

From: Kreisberg, Jeremy S. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 9:31 PM
To: Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) <Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Garden-Monheit, Hannah R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Brown, Rachel A. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>; Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>; Ramamurti, Bharat R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Thompson, Karl R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: Re: 4/18 - EOP/HHS/CMS Nursing Home Check-In

Plus Karl.

On Apr 14, 2023, at 9:25 PM, Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) <Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov> wrote:

+Erin

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 9:18 PM
To: Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Garden-Monheit, Hannah R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Brown, Rachel A. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) (b)(6); Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>; Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) <Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov>; Ramamurti, Bharat R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Kreisberg, Jeremy S. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: Re: 4/18 - EOP/HHS/CMS Nursing Home Check-In

Bharat and I were just talking about this. Bharat, jump in here, but I think something is getting lost in translation. I don't think

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On Apr 14, 2023, at 9:13 PM, Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) wrote:

+ Christen

On Apr 14, 2023, at 5:25 PM, Garden-Monheit, Hannah R. EOP/WHO (b)(6) wrote:

+Jeremy

From: Brown, Rachel A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 6:10 PM

To: Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>; Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>; Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) <Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov>; Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. EOP/WHO (b)(6); (b)(6); Ramamurti, Bharat R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Garden-Monheit, Hannah R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: 4/18 - EOP/HHS/CMS Nursing Home Check-In

Hi Stacy,

That sounds great! Looking forward to the conversation on Tuesday, which I think will be really helpful and informative for us.

Talk soon,
Rachel

From: Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 2:18 PM
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Subject: 4/18 - EOP/HHS/CMS Nursing Home Check-In

Hi, all,

Pulling several folks together on an e-mail to bring together some individual conversations. I gave Bharat and Clare a read-out from yesterday's briefing with the Secretary about (b)(5)

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In the meantime, Bharat and I talked about using our Tuesday 10:00 AM check-in as an opportunity to (b)(5). I understand Kristiana and Jon will be unavailable, however, Will and other CMS subject matter experts will join the conversation. Additionally, (b)(5)
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Please give a shout if any of that seems off or problematic! Hoping this discussion will be educational for all.

Stacy Sanders (she/her)
Counselor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Cell: (b)(6)

Message

From: Keith, Katie M. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: 4/16/2023 9:24:33 PM
To: Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) (b)(6); Volin, Lina L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
CC: Wulff, Kacey (OS/IOS/) (b)(6); Katharine.W]; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6); Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: call to NWLC plaintiff - privileged

Thanks, Hannah! This all makes sense to us – I'll also give you a call on this tomorrow AM so you have our latest thinking.

From: Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 1:06 PM
To: Keith, Katie M. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Volin, Lina L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Wulff, Kacey (OS/IOS/) <Kacey.Wulff@hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>
Subject: call to NWLC plaintiff - privileged

Hi Lina and Katie -- I hope you're both doing well and get a break at some point this weekend!

With everything going on, I wanted to flag that we are working to set up a brief call between the CMS Administrator and the NWLC plaintiff involved in the CMS enforcement action. As you know, details related to the enforcement action will be releasable to the public on Thursday (4/20), so we are working to set up the call before then. I know there's been discussion of setting up a call with a White House principal as well – I'm sure she'd welcome it. Let us know if we can be helpful.

Thank you!

Hannah

Message

From: Barkoff, Alison (ACL) [Alison.Barkoff@acl.hhs.gov]
Sent: 4/17/2023 12:38:44 PM
To: Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS); (b)(6)
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CC: OToole, Meghan (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Katch (she/her),
Hannah (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Richardson (she/her),
Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: RE: Time Sensitive SHOWSTOPPER REVIEW: Bullets for fact sheet

No other comments from ACL, thanks.

From: Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:38 AM
To: Barkoff, Alison (ACL) <Alison.Barkoff@acl.hhs.gov>; Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) <Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov>; Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>; Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>; Sullivan, Meg (HHS/IOS) <Meg.Sullivan@hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Nicholls, Richard (ACL) <Richard.Nicholls@acl.hhs.gov>
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Subject: RE: Time Sensitive SHOWSTOPPER REVIEW: Bullets for fact sheet

Will send this back to Jess. LMK if there are other comments.

From: Barkoff, Alison (ACL) <Alison.Barkoff@acl.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:32 AM
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Subject: RE: Time Sensitive SHOWSTOPPER REVIEW: Bullets for fact sheet

No showstoppers from ACL.

From: Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) <Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:16 AM

To: Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>; Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>; Sullivan, Meg (HHS/IOS) <Meg.Sullivan@hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Barkoff, Alison (ACL) <Alison.Barkoff@acl.hhs.gov>; Nicholls, Richard (ACL) <Richard.Nicholls@acl.hhs.gov>

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Subject: RE: Time Sensitive SHOWSTOPPER REVIEW: Bullets for fact sheet

Several edits to the second paragraph below in blue clarifying that

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Thanks,
Kristiana

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Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 9:49 PM

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Subject: Re: Time Sensitive SHOWSTOPPER REVIEW: Bullets for fact sheet

Adding Hannah for us.

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From: Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>

Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 9:02:47 PM

To: Sullivan, Meg (OS/ASPR/IO) <Meg.Sullivan@hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Barkoff, Alison (ACL) <Alison.Barkoff@acl.hhs.gov>; Nicholls, Richard (ACL) <Richard.Nicholls@acl.hhs.gov>

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Subject: RE: Time Sensitive SHOWSTOPPER REVIEW: Bullets for fact sheet

Hi, all, adding CMS to this chain.

I made a suggested edit below. The reference to (b)(5) Meg, Andres, I am out tomorrow through much of the day. Can you make sure the below edit and any CMS adds are passed along?

Thank you—greatly appreciate it.

Stacy Sanders (she/her)
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From: Sullivan, Meg (HHS/IOS) <Meg.Sullivan@hhs.gov>

Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 6:23 PM

To: Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Barkoff,

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-EOP, +ACL. Alison/Rick—see below

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO

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Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 6:15 PM

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Cc: Cardona, Mario R. EOP/WHO

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Subject: Time Sensitive SHOWSTOPPER REVIEW: Bullets for fact sheet

Hi, friends,

We plan a high level fact sheet for Tuesday's event. The two bullets where (b)(5) are included below. Could you let me know of any showstopper/ critical edits by **10am in the morning on Monday?**

Feel free to call me with any questions. I've copied my colleague Mario, he's working on other aspects of the EO and I want to make sure he also gets any edits you send back so they can be folded into the master document.

Thank you!

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Jessica Schubel
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Cell: **(b)(6)**

Message

From: Lonardo, Sara (CMS/OC) (b)(6)
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Sent: 4/17/2023 3:01:40 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Medicaid redeterminations regional press

The team's doing a great job!

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Sara Lonardo
Senior Advisor/Press Secretary
CMS
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From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:57 AM
To: Lonardo, Sara (CMS/OC) <sara.lonardo@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Medicaid redeterminations regional press

This is awesome!

From: Lonardo, Sara (CMS/OC) <sara.lonardo@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:37 AM
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Subject: RE: Medicaid redeterminations regional press

Hi everyone, reupping this email chain to let you know that we're planning the second virtual pen and pad for regional media to speak with Deputy Administrator Dan Tsai about Medicaid redeterminations for **next Friday, April 28**. Our last call had nine members of the media (same as the first one) and has led to additional engagement and relationships developed with those who attended. Happy to answer any questions or address concerns!

Sara

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Subject: RE: Medicaid redeterminations regional press

Thank you, Kelly. Not sure if this got past around but see this WAPO piece as well:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2023/03/29/medicaid-pandemic-benefits-ending/>. Dan Tsai is a natural!

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Politico piece this am

CLEANING OUT THE ROLLS — Tomorrow marks the beginning of the end of the Medicaid continuous coverage requirement, Megan Messerly reports.

Five states — Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, New Hampshire and South Dakota — plan to begin terminating coverage in April for some of the tens of millions of people who have remained covered under the low-income health insurance program during the pandemic. Fourteen more states will start terminating enrollees in May, followed by 20 in June and 10 in July. Oregon will be the last to start, in October.

CMS estimates that more than 15 million of the 92 million people enrolled in Medicaid will lose coverage throughout the process. Of the former, 7 million are expected to be eligible for the program but still lose their coverage because of what's known as "administrative churn," or bureaucratic hurdles that lead to lost coverage because of missed notices, incorrect paperwork or other reasons.

Another 8.6 million are projected to be ineligible and may need help connecting with employer-sponsored coverage or a plan on their state's health insurance exchange.

In preparing for the redetermination process, CMS is working with states to develop so-called mitigation plans and preempt problems that might arise. But Daniel Tsai, the deputy administrator and director of CMS' Center for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Services, said that doesn't mean CMS won't hold states' "feet to the fire."

"We're going to be watching [the data] like a hawk," Tsai said. "We will not hesitate to use compliance in every lever that we have a statutory obligation to exercise when we are finding that, at the end of the day, enrollees are not being afforded the process that they are being entitled to."

Health care advocates are closely watching the process — which could go awry differently in each state. Workforce shortages, poorly written renewal notices, long call center wait times and a lack of accessibility for people who have disabilities or don't speak English are just a handful of factors that could complicate participants' ability to renew.

But advocates' efforts to monitor the process could be complicated because CMS doesn't expect to release its first unwinding data until the summer.

"There are a bunch of questions about the timeline of problems starting, being identified and then addressed by states or CMS," Elizabeth Edwards, a senior attorney with the National Health Law Program, told POLITICO.

WELCOME TO FRIDAY PULSE. You can put lipstick on a pig — and a Tyrannosaurus rex, apparently. The dinosaurs, often depicted with teeth sticking out of their closed mouths, actually had lips, paleontologists recently argued.

What other strange discoveries are on their way? Let us know at dpayne@politico.com and kmahr@politico.com.

TODAY ON OUR PULSE CHECK PODCAST, host Megan Messerly talks with Alice Miranda Ollstein about the proposals that some Republican governors and lawmakers in staunchly conservative states have referred to as a "new pro-life agenda" for the post-*Roe* era — promoting sex education, government welfare and more birth control.

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+ our regional comms team for their insight!

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Subject: Medicaid redeterminations regional press

Rykia, Rachel, Liz and Kelly – Thanks again for a productive call on Medicaid redeterminations last week. As we decided on that call, the CMS team is letting you all know that we're planning our first regional press call for one week from today. I've included the list of outlets we're planning on inviting below, would welcome your thoughts on both the outlets and individual reporters. We're planning on reaching out to them this week. We chose the states in consultation with Dan Tsai, who will be on the record with the reporters (via Zoom) next Wednesday. We have two goals: (b)(5)

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Appreciate you putting eyes on this and happy to talk through it if that's easier!

Sara

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Subject: RE: RE: Invite to speak at BHM panel at the WH

Thanks, Erin! Will be on the lookout for that email, Will.

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Thanks, Will.

Let's be sure to loop Eden in on this as well now that she has her CMS email up and running. I've cc'd her here. Yay!

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Subject: RE: Invite to speak at BHM panel at the WH

Thanks, Phaedra. I'm going to respond back to the event organizer and tell her that the 28th looks best but to work with you to nail it down and CC you on that email.

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The 28th is favorable. Thanks.

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+Phaedra. Looking at these dates, is one more favorable before we go back to them?

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Sending along this follow-up.

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Subject: RE: Invite to speak at BHM panel at the WH

Hello Administrator,

I hope you're well and happy Monday! I wanted to kindly circle back on my email. If you are able/interested in participating as a panelist, I am currently holding the following timeslots based on confirmed panelists' availability:

- Tuesday, Feb 14th, 12PM – 5PM
- Tuesday, Feb 28th, 12PM – 5PM

If by any chance this works for you, that would of course be fantastic. Happy to work with anyone from your team to discuss logistics.

Thank you again for considering,
Vanessa

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Subject: Invite to speak at BHM panel at the WH

Good evening Administrator,

My name is Vanessa Millones and I lead a team on leadership development and appointee engagement in PPO. Part of my portfolio includes putting together panel discussions for appointees. These panels are intended to provide folks a chance to hear from leaders in the Admin, learn about their background and get the opportunity to ask questions. It's of course also a great opportunity to connect folks with one another to build community.

As we are approaching Black History Month, I thought it would be particularly interesting to put together an *in-person* panel in the EEOB of Black female leaders in the Admin, such as yourself. If interested in participating, my team and I would be happy to work with your team on scheduling and general logistics.

For your awareness, I plan on asking the following leaders to also join as panelists: Marcia Bernicat, Ventris Gibson and Shalanda Baker. The moderator will likely be a junior staffer at the WH.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for considering,
Vanessa

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Message

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Subject: RE: RE: Medicaid redeterminations regional press

I assume this list is for states undergoing eligibility process now?

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I just recall seeing politico doing a couple pieces on this for their newsletters and whatnot so may be good to continue to include them, and would defer to Kelly on whether she's gotten other national inquiries on this. This list looks good to me.

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We had a number of them at our last two and will add more on if we stories pop before next Friday. Happy to add any more to the list now if you have names in mind!

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Thanks – are you inviting some of the national reporters who have covered this in recent weeks?

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Hi everyone, reupping this email chain to let you know that we're planning the second virtual pen and pad for regional media to speak with Deputy Administrator Dan Tsai about Medicaid redeterminations for **next Friday, April 28**. Our last call had nine members of the media (same as the first one) and has led to additional engagement and relationships developed with those who attended. Happy to answer any questions or address concerns!

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Thank you, Kelly. Not sure if this got past around but see this WAPO piece as well:
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2023/03/29/medicaid-pandemic-benefits-ending/>. Dan Tsai is a natural!

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Politico piece this am

CLEANING OUT THE ROLLS — Tomorrow marks the beginning of the end of the Medicaid continuous coverage requirement, Megan Messerly reports.

Five states — Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, New Hampshire and South Dakota — plan to begin terminating coverage in April for some of the tens of millions of people who have remained covered under the low-income health insurance program during the pandemic. Fourteen more states will start terminating enrollees in May, followed by 20 in June and 10 in July. Oregon will be the last to start, in October.

CMS estimates that more than 15 million of the 92 million people enrolled in Medicaid will lose coverage throughout the process. Of the former, 7 million are expected to be eligible for the program but still lose their coverage because of what's known as "administrative churn," or bureaucratic hurdles that lead to lost coverage because of missed notices, incorrect paperwork or other reasons.

Another 8.6 million are projected to be ineligible and may need help connecting with employer-sponsored coverage or a plan on their state's health insurance exchange.

In preparing for the redetermination process, CMS is working with states to develop so-called mitigation plans and preempt problems that might arise. But Daniel Tsai, the deputy administrator and director of CMS' Center for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Services, said that doesn't mean CMS won't hold states' "feet to the fire."

"We're going to be watching [the data] like a hawk," Tsai said. "We will not hesitate to use compliance in every lever that we have a statutory obligation to exercise when we are finding that, at the end of the day, enrollees are not being afforded the process that they are being entitled to."

Health care advocates are closely watching the process — which could go awry differently in each state. Workforce shortages, poorly written renewal notices, long call center wait times and a lack of accessibility for people who have disabilities or don't speak English are just a handful of factors that could complicate participants' ability to renew.

But advocates' efforts to monitor the process could be complicated because CMS doesn't expect to release its first unwinding data until the summer.

"There are a bunch of questions about the timeline of problems starting, being identified and then addressed by states or CMS," Elizabeth Edwards, a senior attorney with the National Health Law Program, told POLITICO.

WELCOME TO FRIDAY PULSE. You can put lipstick on a pig — and a Tyrannosaurus rex, apparently. The dinosaurs, often depicted with teeth sticking out of their closed mouths, actually had lips, paleontologists recently argued.

What other strange discoveries are on their way? Let us know at dpayne@politico.com and kmahr@politico.com.

TODAY ON OUR PULSE CHECK PODCAST, host Megan Messerly talks with Alice Miranda Ollstein about the proposals that some Republican governors and lawmakers in staunchly conservative states have referred to as a "new pro-life agenda" for the post-*Roe* era — promoting sex education, government welfare and more birth control.

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Rykia, Rachel, Liz and Kelly – Thanks again for a productive call on Medicaid redeterminations last week. As we decided on that call, the CMS team is letting you all know that we're planning our first regional press call for one week from today. I've included the list of outlets we're planning on inviting below, would welcome your thoughts on both the outlets and individual reporters. We're planning on reaching out to them this week. We chose the states in consultation with Dan Tsai, who will be on the record with the reporters (via Zoom) next Wednesday. We have two goals: (b)(5)

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Appreciate you putting eyes on this and happy to talk through it if that's easier!

Sara

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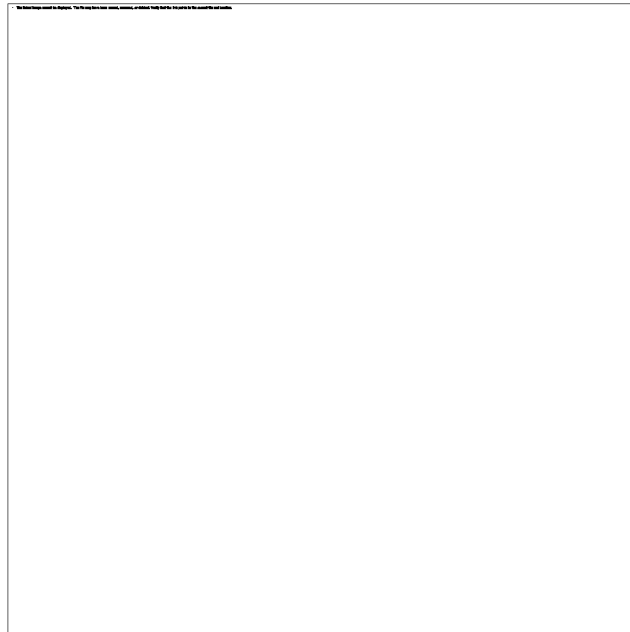
From: White House Office of Public Engagement (b)(6)

Sent: 4/18/2023 12:18:04 AM

To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)

Subject: Weekly Health Community Engagement Newsletter

Weekly Health Community Engagement Newsletter



Health Community Updates

April 17, 2023

As a reminder, our next White House Community Health Call will be **Wednesday, April 26 at 2:30pm ET**. [You can RSVP here](#). Please invite colleagues and members of your community – all are welcome.

**President Biden Announces Plan to
Expand Health Coverage to DACA Recipients**

President Biden announced a plan to expand health coverage for DACA recipients. If finalized, the rule would allow DACA recipients to enroll in Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Programs, and the Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance Marketplaces, where they may qualify for financial assistance based on income, and through their state Medicaid agency.

President Biden believes that DACA recipients strengthen our economy and enrich our workplaces, our schools and communities, and our country as a whole. That's why on his first day in office, he called on Congress to give Dreamers a pathway to citizenship and he has repeated that call in every State of the Union address since.

Resources:

- [Fact Sheet](#): President Biden Announces Plan to Expand Health Coverage to DACA Recipients
- [What They Are Saying](#): Members of Congress, Local Leaders, Immigration Advocates and More Celebrate the Biden Administration's Expansion of the Affordable Care Act to DACA Recipients

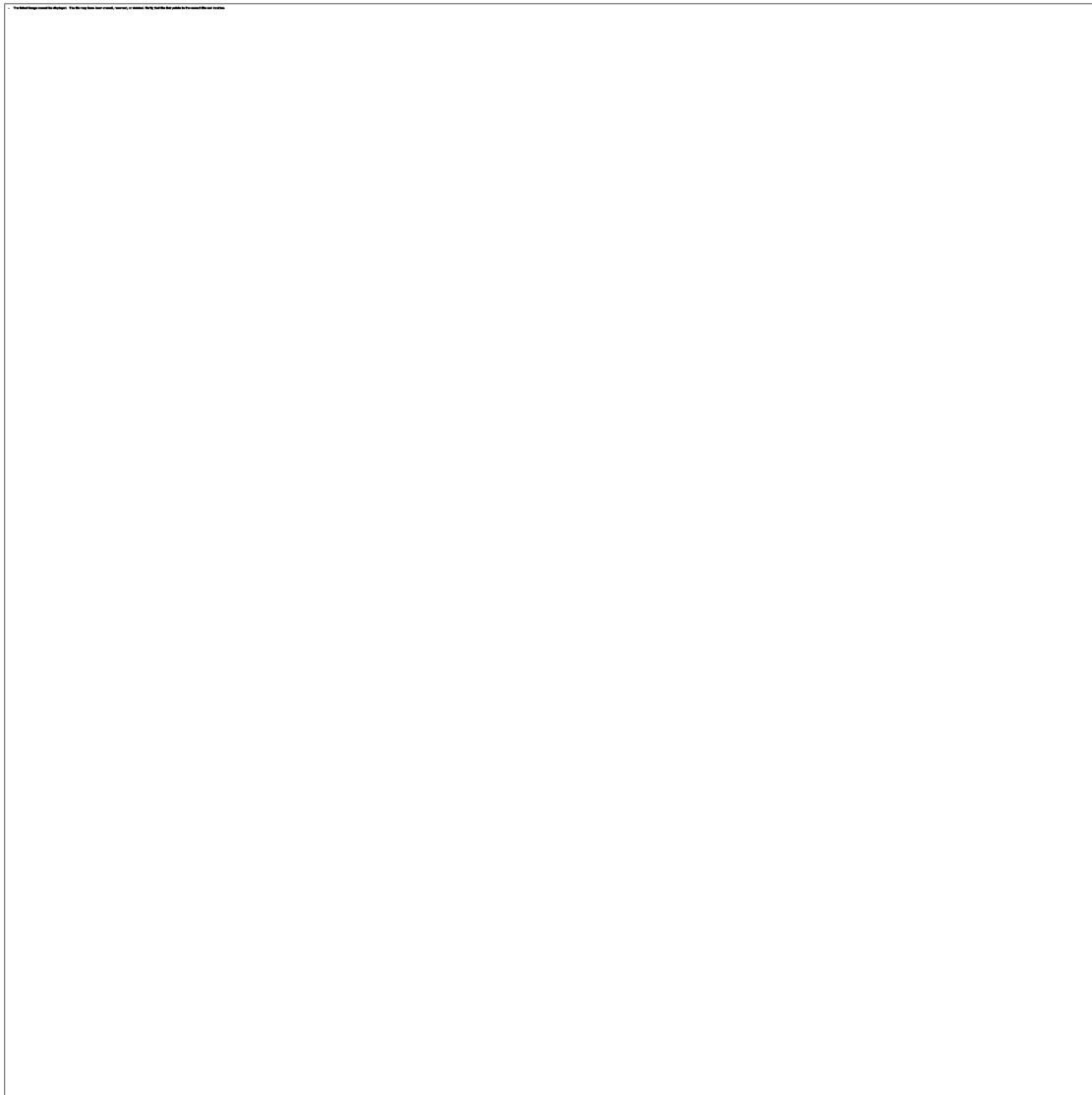
Task Force on Reproductive Healthcare Access

Last week, the Vice President convened the Task Force on Reproductive Healthcare Access to discuss steps the Administration is taking to protect women's access to reproductive health care.

Interagency Task Force on Reproductive Health Care Access

Coinciding with the meeting, the Administration announced a series of new actions to safeguard patient privacy.

- [Fact Sheet](#): Biden-Harris Administration Announces Actions to Protect Patient Privacy at the Third Meeting of the Task Force on Reproductive Healthcare Access
- [Fact Sheet](#): The Biden-Harris Administration's Record on Protecting Access to Medication Abortion



Black Maternal Health Week, 2023

As part of Black Maternal Health Week, Julie Chavez Rodriguez, Senior Advisor to the President and Director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Ambassador Susan Rice, Assistant to the President and Domestic Policy Advisor, and Jennifer Klein, Assistant to the President and Director of the Gender Policy Council, convened state legislators from across the country working to advance legislation to improve maternal health.

Resources:

- Proclamation: Black Maternal Health Week, 2023

- Readout: The White House State Legislative Convening on Maternal Health



**Biden-Harris Administration Announces
Strengthened Approach to Crack Down on Illicit Fentanyl Supply Chains**

At a time when the global illicit fentanyl supply chain has changed how illicit substances are produced and trafficked, the Biden-Harris Administration is announcing a strengthened whole-of-government approach to save lives by disrupting the trafficking of illicit fentanyl and its precursors into American communities. This approach builds on the President's *National Drug Control Strategy* and helps deliver on his State of the Union call to beat the opioid and overdose epidemic by cracking down on the production, sale, and trafficking of illicit fentanyl to help save lives, protect the public health, and improve the public safety of our communities.

**Fact Sheet: Biden-Harris Administration Announces
Strengthened Approach to Crack Down on Illicit Fentanyl Supply Chains**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

In addition, this week the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a categorical waiver designed to reduce costs and greenhouse gas emissions from health care facilities by permitting new and existing health care facilities subject to CMS requirements to generate backup power utilizing alternative and green sources of power such as a solar and battery storage microgrid system. This change allows health care facilities to take advantage of critical climate and cost saving provisions of the Administration's Inflation Reduction Act.

Categorical Waiver – Health Care Microgrid Systems

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Message

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: 2/25/2023 6:20:21 PM
To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Re: Re: Follow up

Thanks very much!!

On Feb 25, 2023, at 1:18 PM, Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov> wrote:

Here's a link to their spending plans
<https://hhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/ARPA>

They were one of the first out of the gate to work with us on supplemental rates to hcbs providers that span ffs and managed care and we developed an sdp template

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2023 9:24:07 AM
To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow up

Thanks...what cool things did they do in HCBS? If there's a link somewhere, happy to research it.

From: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2023 12:20 PM
To: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Follow up

Don't have too much but see below. Call if you need anything. Thanks.

A few things

- Nov 2022: Iowa Total Care (Centene MCO) is piloting a new doula program (b)(6)

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(b)(6) in three counties. Partnering with Health ConnectOne (HCOne) and The Doula Network (TDN), the Doula Program aims to provide birthing parents with culturally sensitive doula services to ease the burden of access, address cultural barriers, and improve maternal and infant health outcomes. HCOne and TDN provide customized coaching, training, technical assistance, and program development services to doula partners so the doulas can support communities and families.

>>[<<https://www.iowatotalcare.com/members/start-smart-for-your-baby/doula-program.html](https://www.iowatotalcare.com/members/start-smart-for-your-baby/doula-program.html)

School-based Medicaid (but not free care), including online training for school-based providers:
>>https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/school-business-and-finance/special-education-finance/school-based-medicare#FAQs_and_Training<<;

Other fyi:

This is not totally germane, but flagging again the

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And finally - they did some interesting things w 9817 funding to support hcbs workfroce. That was a priority for them.

Message

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHC (b)(6)
Sent: 3/4/2023 2:18:54 PM
To: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
CC: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) (b)(6); Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Vitolo, Sara (CMS/FCHCO) (b)(6); Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) (b)(6); Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) (b)(6); Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Janu, Shanna (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Dorsey, Jennifer (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Hennessy, Amy (CMS/OC) (b)(6); Trucil, Daniel (CMS/OC) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: NM Free Care SPA

Wow! That's really exciting. Yes, please keep me posted and will look for the press release through the Comms channel when it's ready. Thanks!

From: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:00 PM
To: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Vitolo, Sara (CMS/FCHCO) <Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>; Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>; Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>; Janu, Shanna (CMS/CMCS) <Shanna.Janu@cms.hhs.gov>; Dorsey, Jennifer (CMS/CMCS) <jennifer.dorsey@cms.hhs.gov>; Hennessy, Amy (CMS/OC) <Amy.Hennessy@cms.hhs.gov>; Trucil, Daniel (CMS/OC) <Daniel.Trucil@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: NM Free Care SPA

Hi Jessica,

We learned today that the New Mexico Free Care SPA is going to be ready to be released in the next 2 weeks. Our team is working on a press release for it that we can share.

We are still finalizing a target release date and materials. We can share as soon as we have those.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Best,
Perrie

Perrie Briskin

Policy Advisor, Office of the Center Director
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS)

Cell: (b)(6)

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Sent: 3/7/2023 9:05:26 PM
To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Briskin, Perrie
(CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Vitolo, Sara (CMS/FCHCO)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Ok – we do not have anyone available for that issue. Is this the work that Arielle Farber has been discussing with us?

From: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 4:04 PM
To: Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Vitolo, Sara (CMS/FCHCO) <Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

I think #2 is different...

Thanks

From: Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 10:35 AM
To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Vitolo, Sara (CMS/FCHCO) <Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Flagging the issue below.

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From: Stephens, Jessica (CMS/CMCS) <Jessica.Stephens@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 9:11 AM
To: Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>

Cc: Teal, Lela (CMS/CMCS) <Lela.Teal@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

From: Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2023 7:59 PM
To: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Stephens, Jessica (CMS/CMCS) <Jessica.Stephens@cms.hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>; Dean, Stacy - OSEC, Washington, DC <Stacy.Dean@usda.gov>; Swerdlow, Deborah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Deborah.Swerdlow@usda.gov>; Rebecca.Piazza@usda.gov
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Subject: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Hi all,

Thank you for joining the meeting earlier this month - see below for a readout of next steps.

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Please be in touch with any questions and thanks again!

Mikaela

Message

From: Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
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Sent: 3/13/2023 6:42:43 PM
To: Stephens, Jessica (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
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(b)(6) Hebert, Krista
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Subject: RE: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

With Krista Herbert

From: Stephens, Jessica (CMS/CMCS) <Jessica.Stephens@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:29 PM
To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Fremming, Krista R. <krfremming@nd.gov>
Subject: FW: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Following up on the (b)(5)
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Does that work?

From: Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:59 PM
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Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Thank you very much, Deborah and Perrie.

Deborah – I will work with Rebecca on this moving forward.

See below for what we have in mind for re agenda. Let us know if you have any edits/additions. Thank you again.

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Best,

Mikaela

From: Swerdlow, Deborah - OSEC, DC <Deborah.Swerdlow@usda.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:50 PM

To: Carroll, Laura S. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS)

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Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Hi Mikaela,

Looping in Rebecca Piazza, Senior Advisor for Delivery at FNS. She's the POC for this work at FNS, so please be in touch with her going forward with these requests about the meeting agendas and follow-ups, instead of me.

Rebecca will respond on your questions for the 3/15 meeting.

Thanks,

Deborah

From: Swerdlow, Deborah - OSEC, DC

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:27 PM

To: Carroll, Laura S. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS)

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Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Mikaela – confirming receipt of your email. I'm in touch with our SMEs here and will get back to you with responses, hopefully later today.

Thanks,
Deborah

From: Carroll, Laura S. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:19 PM
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Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Thanks, Perrie. And, yes this is a POC for all of CMS. It would be great if you could share how you involve people with Medicaid and Medicare coverage in the policy making process already.

Thank you!

From: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 11:56 AM
To: Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Swerdlow, Deborah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Deborah.Swerdlow@usda.gov>
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Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Thank you, Mikaela. Laura and Alex - is there one POC for all of CMS? In which case, + Meghan O'Toole here. Also – CMS already has multiple avenues through which we involve people with Medicaid and Medicare coverage in the policy making process, which we can also share if helpful.

Mikaela – for the meeting this Wed, 3/15, can you please share the full agenda? So far, from this email thread, I have:

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Thank you!

Best,

Perrie

From: Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:18 AM
To: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Swerdlow, Deborah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Deborah.Swerdlow@usda.gov>

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(b)(6); Rouault, Alicia S. EOP/OMB (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Thanks so much, Perrie. This is a (b)(5)
(b)(5) I will leave it to Laura and Alex to further expand on what exactly they are looking for from this POC.

Best,

Mikaela

From: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
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(b)(6) Rouault, Alicia S. EOP/OMB (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Thank you, Mikaela. CMS will work on this.

May I please ask for more information on the (b)(5)
And if this information has been shared previously, my apologies.

Best,

Perrie

From: Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 11:34 AM
To: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Swerdlow, Deborah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Deborah.Swerdlow@usda.gov>
Cc: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Carroll, Laura S. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
(b)(6) Rouault, Alicia S. EOP/OMB (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Hi Perrie and Deborah,

Just following up to ask that you send over the (b)(5)
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Additionally, for our upcoming meeting on 3/15, we want to discuss:

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If there is time, it would also be helpful (b)(5)
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Thank you very much and have a great weekend.

Mikaela

From: Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO

Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2023 7:59 PM

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Subject: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Hi all,

Thank you for joining the meeting earlier this month - see below for a readout of next steps.

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Please be in touch with any questions and thanks again!

Mikaela

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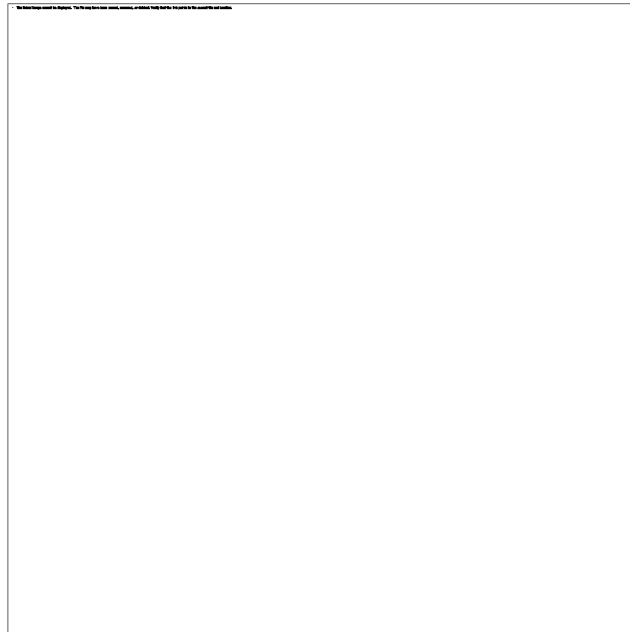
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Weekly Health Community Engagement Newsletter



Health Community Updates
April 20, 2023

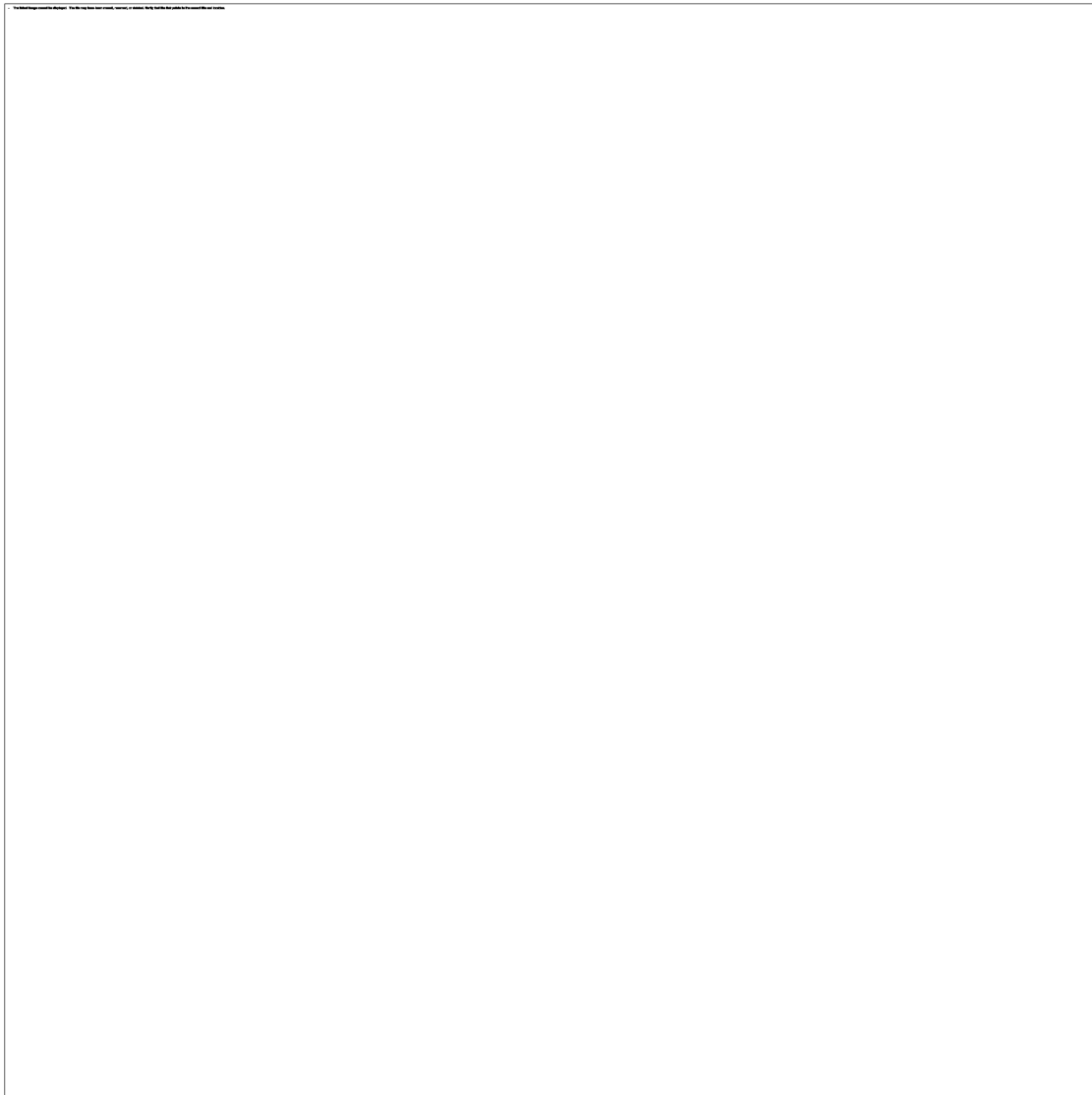
As a reminder, our next White House Community Health Call will be **Wednesday, April 26 at 2:30pm ET**. [You can RSVP here](#). Please invite colleagues and members of your community – all are welcome.

President Biden signs an Executive Order Improving Family Care

This week President Biden announced the most comprehensive set of executive actions any President has ever taken to improve care for hard-working families while supporting care workers and family caregivers. Joined by people with disabilities, family caregivers, long-term care workers, early educators, veterans, and aging advocates, the President signed an Executive Order that includes more than 50 directives to nearly every cabinet-level agency to expand access to affordable, high-quality care, and provide support for care workers and family caregivers.

Resources:

- Fact Sheet: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Most Sweeping Set of Executive Actions to Improve Care in History
- What They Are Saying: Leaders, Caregivers, Advocates and More Applaud President Biden's Executive Order Increasing Access to High-Quality Care and Supporting Caregivers
- Remarks: President Biden Delivers Remarks on Strengthening the Care Economy



FDA Stakeholder Call: Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccines

This week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended the emergency use authorizations (EUAs) of the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 bivalent mRNA vaccines to simplify the vaccination schedule for most individuals. This action includes authorizing the current bivalent vaccines (original and omicron BA.4/BA.5 strains) to be used for all doses administered to individuals 6 months of age and older, including for an additional dose or doses for certain populations. The monovalent Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines are no longer authorized for use in the United States. Following this action, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Stakeholder Engagement Staff invites you to an important stakeholder call on bivalent COVID-19 vaccines.

Today, Thursday, April 20 at 4:00 pm ET.

[RSVP here](#)

Speakers will include Robert M. Califf, M.D., Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER).

**ICYMI: American Medical Association
President Dr. Jack Resnick Opinion Article**

This Could Be One of the Most Brazen Attacks on Americans' Health Yet

By: Jack Resnick Jr. [04/20/23]

Today, American Medical Association President Dr. Jack Resnick Jr., wrote in the New York Times that if the Supreme Court does not reverse the lower courts' ruling on mifepristone, it would "throw our health care system into chaos in ways that extend far beyond the specific fight over mifepristone, a highly effective drug that has been used safely by millions of patients for medication abortions and for miscarriage care for more than two decades."

Dr. Resnick warned that such a decision "would represent a dangerous and reckless step backward for our country. More people would live sicker, suffer more and die younger while the scientifically proven safe and effective drugs they need remain locked away."

Recent court rulings blocking access to mifepristone threaten to undermine FDA's medical judgment, put women's health in danger, and – as the AMA says today – carry risks for everyone in our health care system. This lawsuit is part of an effort by anti-abortion groups to achieve a nationwide abortion ban.

The Biden-Harris Administration will continue to work to protect reproductive freedom and women's health.

HHS Bridge Access Program For COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments

Over the last two years, the Biden-Harris Administration has effectively implemented the largest adult vaccination program in U.S. history, with nearly 700 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines free of charge given to 270 million Americans. Because of this Administration's whole-of-government approach to combatting COVID-19, we are now in a better place in our response than at any point of the pandemic.

HHS announced the 'HHS Bridge Access Program For COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments Program' ("Program") to maintain broad access to COVID-19 vaccines for millions of uninsured Americans. The program will create a unique \$1.1 billion public-private partnership to help maintain uninsured individuals' access to COVID-19 care at their local pharmacies, through existing public health infrastructure, and at their local health centers. The two major components of the program will:

- Provide support for the existing public sector vaccine safety net, which is implemented through local health departments (LHDs) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) supported health centers.
- Create a novel, funded partnership with pharmacy chains that will enable them to continue offering free COVID-19 vaccinations and treatments to the uninsured through their network or retail locations as has been done during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE).

Resources:

- Fact Sheet: HHS Bridge Access Program For COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments to Maintain Access to COVID-19 Care for the Uninsured
- NYT Article: Biden Administration Will Fund Program to Keep Covid Vaccines Free for the Uninsured

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Subject: Weekly: CLY / Erin Richardson

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Message

From: Kaiser, Alyssa (CMS/OL) (b)(6)
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Sent: 4/26/2023 12:54:56 PM
To: Harris, Will (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Richardson (she/her),
Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: RE: FINAL CLEAN VERSION: CMS PHE FAQs

Looks good to me, sending their way now – TY!

From: Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 8:50 AM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Kaiser, Alyssa (CMS/OL) <Alyssa.Kaiser@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: FINAL CLEAN VERSION: CMS PHE FAQs

These all make sense to me, and I added a bit on tests to address Erin's comments. Alyssa, can you please make sure it all looks good to you and get it to OC to finish up? Thanks!

From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 10:35 PM
To: Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>; Kaiser, Alyssa (CMS/OL) <Alyssa.Kaiser@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: FINAL CLEAN VERSION: CMS PHE FAQs

Was in another document and just seeing this. Let's chat tomorrow am before huddle.

From: Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 9:40 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Kaiser, Alyssa (CMS/OL) <Alyssa.Kaiser@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: FINAL CLEAN VERSION: CMS PHE FAQs

I am around any time and would be happy to

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From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 9:36:01 PM
To: Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>; Kaiser, Alyssa (CMS/OL) <Alyssa.Kaiser@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: FINAL CLEAN VERSION: CMS PHE FAQs

These look really good. Thank you for the hard work getting them to this point.

I flagged just a few things, the biggest being (b)(5) I know there's a backstory there, so happy to chat through it.

From: Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>
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At this point, I don't think it's feasible or important to get them out before 10 a.m., but that's just me. That being said, these have now been through an incredible amount of scrutiny, and please tell me if you have any questions.

From: Kaiser, Alyssa (CMS/OL) <Alyssa.Kaiser@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 5:14 PM

To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>

Cc: Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: FW: FINAL CLEAN VERSION: CMS PHE FAQs

Erin – sharing these with you for your final review, too (the clean version). There are edits back and forth with IOS and EOP, but we got there. Let us know if you have any concerns or think anyone else needs to look – ACBL or Jon, in particular. OC was saying there was desire to get these out before the hearing tomorrow...

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Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 5:09 PM

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Howden, Catherine (CMS/OC) <Catherine.Howden@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: FINAL CLEAN VERSION: CMS PHE FAQs

Hello everyone,

Here is a final clean version of the PHE FAQs...

Rachel: do we want to have Cynthia give a final proof?

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Subject: RE: CLEAN VERSION for WH: CMS PHE FAQs

I think it's all settled; they just left in the redline. For the (b)(5)
(b)(5) So we're all set!

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Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 4:50 PM

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Subject: RE: CLEAN VERSION for WH: CMS PHE FAQs

Will & Alyssa,

Did you want to address the two remaining WH questions (shaded in blue)? Otherwise I can send to the PHE Triage Team...

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Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 3:59 PM

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Subject: [WARNING: UNSCANNABLE EXTRACTION FAILED]RE: CLEAN VERSION for WH: CMS PHE FAQs

Hi Team CMS!

Thanks for your patience. Here is what we agreed to with EOP – kept track changes in to see. Thanks so much, Kim

From: Wagner, Rachel (CMS/OC) <Rachel.Wagner@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 11:12 AM

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Also, I wanted to flag that I was asked to mention we have a call where we will have more than 3000+ participants on Tuesday. If we can get this ready and posted ahead of that call, it would be beneficial to mention for these participants.

Thank you,

Kindly,

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And + Stacy. We will take a look. Thank you!

From: Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA) <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 9:33 AM

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Subject: [WARNING: UNSCANNABLE EXTRACTION FAILED]FW: CLEAN VERSION for WH: CMS PHE FAQs

Good morning Kimberly,

Bruce asked that I send back the edits when they were made and route them through to you.

We have enclosed the clean and tracked changes versions.

Please let us know if anything else is needed, or they can possibly be considered final.

Thank you,

Kindly,

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Subject: RE: Please review: CMS PHE FAQs

Hi all,

Please see attached for comments from EOP. The attached redlines and comments are feedback for you to consider (for clarity, consistency, etc.), but we'd like to affirmatively see responses on at least the highlighted comments before clearing this. And understand the need to turn anything around quickly given the Wed hearing.

Happy to discuss if helpful. Thanks again, and hope everyone has a good weekend!

Karuna

From: Miller - Tolbert, Kimberly (OS/IOS) <Kimberly.Miller-tolbert@hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:27 PM
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Subject: Please review: CMS PHE FAQs

Hi Karuna,

Attached please find a set of CMS PHE FAQs. CMS wants to publish these ahead of Administrator Brooks-LaSure's briefing next Wednesday, so we are hoping you all could review by this Friday EOD, which would give them time to clean up post-edits and get the document out with a little time to spare ahead of next Wednesday morning.

Please let us know if you have questions – Bruce and Will are cc'd too.

Thank you!

Kim

Message

From: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
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Sent: 3/13/2023 9:57:44 PM
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Subject: RE: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Hi Krista – I got this meeting covered! I'll reply to DPC.

Jessica – Yes, I can clarify with Mikaela in DPC that we still don't have a list of states and won't by Wednesday. We started conversations with FNS last week but think we need to get through our mitigation discussions first.

From: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 3:23 PM
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Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Ah, thank you for clarifying! Is this an FYI for us, or would you like us to share back the status of this with DPC? Happy to help here.

Best,

Krista

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 3:20 PM
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Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

No, this is a different ask. See below, from a different agenda:

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From: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:41 PM

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Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Hi Jessica,

Just to make sure I'm straight on this – is this the same ask as the one Jessica made in the attached? SDG was working to pull together a list of states with nutrition support in their 1115s.

Thanks for clarifying,

Krista

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:33 PM

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Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

With the correct Krista this time.

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:29 PM

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Subject: FW: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Following up on the (b)(5)

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Does that work?

From: Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:59 PM

To: Swerdlow, Deborah - OSEC, DC <Deborah.Swerdlow@usda.gov>; Piazza, Rebecca - OSEC, DC <Rebecca.Piazza@usda.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>

Cc: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Hertel-fernandez, Alexander W. EOP/OMB

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<Jessica.Stephens@cms.hhs.gov>; Esty, Sarah (ACF) <Sarah.Esty@acf.hhs.gov>; Marsh, David S. EOP/WHO
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Thank you very much, Deborah and Perrie.

Deborah – I will work with Rebecca on this moving forward.

See below for what we have in mind for re agenda. Let us know if you have any edits/additions. Thank you again.

Agenda:

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Best,

Mikaela

From: Swerdlow, Deborah - OSEC, DC <Deborah.Swerdlow@usda.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:50 PM

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OSEC, DC <Rebecca.Piazza@usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Hi Mikaela,

Looping in Rebecca Piazza, Senior Advisor for Delivery at FNS. She's the POC for this work at FNS, so please be in touch with her going forward with these requests about the meeting agendas and follow-ups, instead of me.

Rebecca will respond on your questions for the 3/15 meeting.

Thanks,
Deborah

From: Swerdlow, Deborah - OSEC, DC
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Carroll, Laura S. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Mikaela – confirming receipt of your email. I’m in touch with our SMEs here and will get back to you with responses, hopefully later today.

Thanks,
Deborah

From: Carroll, Laura S. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
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Thanks, Perrie. And, yes this is a POC for all of CMS. It would be great if you could share how you involve people with Medicaid and Medicare coverage in the policy making process already.

Thank you!

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Thank you, Mikaela. Laura and Alex - is there one POC for all of CMS? In which case, + Meghan O’Toole here. Also – CMS already has multiple avenues through which we involve people with Medicaid and Medicare coverage in the policy making process, which we can also share if helpful.

Mikaela – for the meeting this Wed, 3/15, can you please share the full agenda? So far, from this email thread, I have:

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Thank you!

Best,

Perrie

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Cc: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Carroll, Laura S. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Hertel-fernandez, Alexander W. EOP/OMB (b)(6); Rouault, Alicia S. EOP/OMB (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Thanks so much, Perrie. This is a (b)(5)
(b)(5) I will leave it to Laura and Alex to further expand on what exactly they are looking for from this POC.

Best,

Mikaela

From: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
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Subject: RE: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Thank you, Mikaela. CMS will work on this.

May I please ask for more information (b)(5)

And if this information has been shared previously, my apologies.

Best,

Perrie

From: Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 11:34 AM
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Cc: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Carroll, Laura S. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Rouault, Alicia S. EOP/OMB (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Hi Perrie and Deborah,

Just following up to ask that you send over the POC

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Additionally, for our upcoming meeting on 3/15, we want to discuss:

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If there is time, it would also be helpful to

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Thank you very much and have a great weekend.

Mikaela

From: Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO

Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2023 7:59 PM

To: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; 'daniel.tsai@cms.hhs.gov' <daniel.tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov; Stephens, Jessica O. (CMS/CMCS) <Jessica.Stephens@cms.hhs.gov>; 'Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS)' <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>; 'Dean, Stacy - OSEC, Washington, DC' <Stacy.Dean@usda.gov>; 'Swerdlow, Deborah - OSEC, Washington, DC' <Deborah.Swerdlow@usda.gov>; 'Rebecca.Piazza@usda.gov' <Rebecca.Piazza@usda.gov>

Cc: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Carroll, Laura S. EOP/WHO

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Subject: Medicaid-SNAP-WIC Alignment Next Steps

Hi all,

Thank you for joining the meeting earlier this month - see below for a readout of next steps.

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Please be in touch with any questions and thanks again!

Mikaela

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From: Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
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Sent: 3/20/2023 3:22:03 PM
To: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Delone, Sarah
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(b)(6); Weiss, Alice (CMS/CMCS)
(b)(6); Hollis (she/her), Annie
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS)
(b)(6); Vitolo, Sara (CMS/CMCS)
(b)(6)
CC: Barry, Meg (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: FW: FW: Follow up on DACA/Lawful Presence rule

I'll copy folks in. Claudia's question is about having a sooner effective date than 11/1.

Do you want to have any conversation about a response? Clearly we could respond that -- No, an earlier effective date is not going to be feasible for Medicaid and CHIP.

Let me know who might want to get on the call she's suggesting get set up for this afternoon.

From: Schwartz, Claudia R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:16 AM
To: Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>; Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIIO) <Jeff.Wu@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Brammer, Josh J. EOP/OMB (b)(6); Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>
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Thank you!

Claudia Schwartz
Senior Policy Advisor for Immigration
Domestic Policy Council
Cell: (b)(6)

Message

From: Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
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Sent: 3/20/2023 4:33:32 PM
To: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS)
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Subject: RE: RE: Follow up on DACA/Lawful Presence rule

Thanks

From: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:31 PM
To: Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow up on DACA/Lawful Presence rule

I can reply with that. We are all available today 3:30-4:30 because Rachel is rescheduling.

From: Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:49 AM
To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Follow up on DACA/Lawful Presence rule

We need to be clear: (b)(5)
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Do you want to respond or I can.

Anne Marie

From: Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:33 AM
To: Schwartz, Claudia R. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>; Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIIO) <Jeff.Wu@cms.hhs.gov>
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Best,
Sarah

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CC: Brammer, Josh J. EOP/OMB (b)(6); Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Delone, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Hannah (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Follow up on DACA/Lawful Presence rule

No problem – mercifully most of my meetings have wrapped today, except 4-4:30. I can schedule something up to 6pm but don't want to lose folks on your end later in the day, to the extent possible. Let me know what works best for you all.

From: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:50 PM
To: Schwartz, Claudia R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>; Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>; Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIIO) <Jeff.Wu@cms.hhs.gov>
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Claudia,

It would be good for all of us to talk together rather than do two meetings. Can you let us know good times for EOP, HHS leadership, collectively will fit one of those times. Apologies for not coordinating times first on our end.

Thanks, Rachel

From: Schwartz, Claudia R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
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Okay thanks. I'll send out a call for two times- one for 2:30pm as a general call and one for 3:30pm. It would be helpful for me to get background on each piece, as I see each program may differ. I can talk to the Medicaid folks at 3:30pm. Thanks in advance.

From: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>
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Hello-

We can't make that time frame work. We have the Secretary during that time. HHS can make 5:30 work, or 2:30 work-

Thanks, Rachel

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Hello – Medicaid leadership can be available today 3:30-4:30pm, if that can work for others. We also ask that Hannah Katch be included.

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We can discuss more later this afternoon.

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+Rachel

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Message

From: Tanielian, Terri L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: 3/20/2023 6:26:15 PM
To: Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) (b)(6); Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) (b)(6); Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) (b)(6); Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Seshamani, Meena (CMS/OA) (b)(6); Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Naloxone Follow-up

Thanks, Kristiana.

Best,
Terri

From: Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) <Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov>
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Subject: RE: Naloxone Follow-up

Hello,

Following up on Christen's question – we do not anticipate (b)(5)
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Thanks!

Best,
Kristiana
C: (b)(6)

From: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 9:55 AM
To: jessica.l.schubel (b)(6); Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) <Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov>; Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: (b)(6); Gerwin, Mikaela D (b)(6); (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Naloxone Follow-up

Will do.

And have so much fun!!!!

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 7:09 AM
To: Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) <Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov>; Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>
Cc: (b)(6); Gerwin, Mikaela D. (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Naloxone Follow-up

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And Rachel, Ellen and Dan – if you need anything next week while I'm out, copying Mikaela here. She's going to cover for me – I won't have access to email or anything since I'll be on my cruise.

Best,
Jessica

Jessica Schubel
Special Assistant to the President for Health Care
Domestic Policy Council

(b)(6)
Cell: (b)(6)

Message

From: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) [Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov]
Sent: 3/20/2023 6:54:54 PM
To: Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) (b)(6); Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) (b)(6); Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIIO) (b)(6);
CC: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Delone, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) (b)(6);
Subject: RE: RE: Follow up on DACA/Lawful Presence rule

5:30 is good. I just emailed Claudia.

From: Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 1:07 PM
To: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>; Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIIO) <Jeff.Wu@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Delone, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Delone2@CMS.hhs.gov>; Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow up on DACA/Lawful Presence rule

CCIIO can also make that work.

Thank you, Paul. Agreed on your flags

From: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 1:06 PM
To: Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>; Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>; Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIIO) <Jeff.Wu@cms.hhs.gov>
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Subject: RE: Follow up on DACA/Lawful Presence rule

Rachel – Dan can do 5:30pm if we want to go with that time.

From: Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:54 PM
To: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>; Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>; Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIO) <Jeff.Wu@cms.hhs.gov>
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Subject: Re: Follow up on DACA/Lawful Presence rule

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From: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:38 PM
To: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>; Schwartz, Claudia R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>; Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIO) <Jeff.Wu@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Brammer, Josh J. EOP/OMB (b)(6); Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Delone, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Delone2@CMS.hhs.gov>; Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow up on DACA/Lawful Presence rule

Hello-

We can't make that time frame work. We have the Secretary during that time. HHS can make 5:30 work, or 2:30 work-

Thanks, Rachel

From: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:36 PM
To: Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>; Schwartz, Claudia R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Montz, Ellen

(CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>; Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIIO) <Jeff.Wu@cms.hhs.gov>
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Subject: RE: Follow up on DACA/Lawful Presence rule

Hello – Medicaid leadership can be available today 3:30-4:30pm, if that can work for others. We also ask that Hannah Katch be included.

For the effective date, Medicaid will note (b)(5)

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We can discuss more later this afternoon.

From: Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:58 AM
To: Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>; Schwartz, Claudia R. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>; Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIIO) <Jeff.Wu@cms.hhs.gov>
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Subject: Re: Follow up on DACA/Lawful Presence rule

+Rachel

From: Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:32 AM
To: Schwartz, Claudia R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>; Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIIO) <Jeff.Wu@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Brammer, Josh J. EOP/OMB (b)(6) Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Delone, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Delone2@CMS.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow up on DACA/Lawful Presence rule

Hi Claudia – Thanks. I'm adding the CMCS leadership team. We'll figure out on who plans to participate and provide some times of availability shortly.

Best,
Sarah

From: Schwartz, Claudia R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:16 AM
To: Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>; Wu (he/him), Jeff (CMS/CCIIO) <Jeff.Wu@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Brammer, Josh J. EOP/OMB (b)(6); Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC)

<PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Spector, Sarah (CMS/CMCS) <Sarah.Spector@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: Follow up on DACA/Lawful Presence rule

Ellen and Jeff and all,

I am writing to connect on

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I'm on the DPC-Immigration Team, and my colleague Jess Schubel who you've likely worked with before is out on leave this week.

We've been asked to run down

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It might be best to discuss these issues by phone today. Please let me know if folks are available between 2-4pm, or after 4:30.

Thank you!

Claudia Schwartz

Senior Policy Advisor for Immigration

Domestic Policy Council

Cell: (b)(6)

Message

From: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) [Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov]
Sent: 3/20/2023 6:56:19 PM
To: (b)(6); Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA)
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(CMS/CCIIO); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Tsai, Daniel
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
CC: (b)(6) Gerwin, Mikaela D. (b)(6)
(b)(6) Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Naloxone Follow-up

Hi all-

Adding Andres and lifting this email for folks to share with their teams so we can work on this week-

Thank you! Rachel

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 7:09 AM
To: Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) <Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov>; Montz, Ellen (CMS/CCIIO) <Ellen.Montz@cms.hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>
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Best,
Jessica

Jessica Schubel
Special Assistant to the President for Health Care
Domestic Policy Council

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Cell: (b)(6)

Appointment

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: 2/12/2023 8:09:14 PM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS)
[Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov]; Seshamani, Meena (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Pierce-Wrobel, Clare
A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Bagenstos, Samuel (HHS/OGC) (b)(6)
(b)(6); OToole, Meghan
(CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Kreisberg, Jeremy S.
EOP/WHO (b)(6) Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA)
(b)(6)
(b)(6)
CC: Spangler, Carrie (CMS/CM); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Raymond, Jonathan
(CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Smith-Goodwin, Serena
(HHS/IOS) (CTR) (b)(6)
(b)(6)

Subject: Canceled: Canceled: To Be Rescheduled - Regroup on Disaggregation

Start: 2/13/2023 10:30:00 PM

End: 2/13/2023 11:00:00 PM

Show Time As: Free

Recurrence: (none)

Message

From: Cha, Stephen (HHS/IOS) [Stephen.Cha@hhs.gov]
Sent: 4/27/2023 9:06:12 PM
To: Seshasai, Karuna EOP/WHO; (b)(6); Miller - Tolbert, Kimberly (OS/IOS)
(b)(6); Sullivan, Meg
(OS/ASPR/IO); (b)(6); Harris, Will (CMS/OA)
(b)(6); Richardson (she/her),
Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: CLOSE HOLD WH announcement

Copy. Thank you for the heads up.

From: Seshasai, Karuna EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 5:05 PM
To: Cha, Stephen (HHS/IOS) <Stephen.Cha@hhs.gov>; Miller - Tolbert, Kimberly (OS/IOS) <Kimberly.Miller-tolbert@hhs.gov>; Sullivan, Meg (HHS/IOS) <Meg.Sullivan@hhs.gov>; Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: CLOSE HOLD WH announcement

Friends – we are holding. I don't have a green light that the announcement will happen tomorrow, but I hope to know more tonight! Will update you as soon as I can, but please hold any of the corresponding statements / paper / memos that we discussed.

Message

From: Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 4/28/2023 7:25:23 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
CC: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: FW: FW: CMS emails

Erin, flagging the request below. I checked with Dan about his preference, and he asked me to do it (which I'm happy to do). Are you comfortable with that?

Thanks!

From: Cisneros, Eduardo EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 11:49 AM
To: Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>; Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: CMS emails

Hi Hannah

Yes, we're organizing a half-day forum as part of Mental Health Awareness Month for state and local partners (including NACO, NGA, and USCM). We're planning for two "fireside chats", one of them being on CMS. See more details below.

DRAFT/ INTERNAL

**The White House State and Local Partners Forum on Mental Health and Wellbeing
Wednesday, May 10, 2023
9:00 AM - 12:00PM**

Audience:

- The audience for this event will be comprised of approx. 30-40 state and local electeds, mostly local county elected that are members of the recently-announced NACo Commission on Mental Health and Wellbeing. We will also have mayors and other local elected officials, IGA association (NGA, NLC, USCM, NLC) leaders and staff.
- This in-person session will explore the various ways the Biden-Harris Administration is and can be working alongside state and local partners to address the national mental health crisis, including efforts to grow and diversify the mental health workforce as well as expanding and strengthening mental health services.

Fireside Chat #1: Leveraging Medicaid Waivers for Comprehensive Mental Health Service Provision

Federal officials will join county leaders and other intergovernmental partners for a discussion on the use of Medicaid's section 1115 waivers to improve access to behavioral health treatment. Discussions will provide lessons from the field for implementing the Medicaid reentry, serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, and substance use disorders demonstration opportunities under Medicaid.

Speakers:

- Moderator: Jessica Schubel, WH Domestic Policy Council
- CMS SME

- Hon. Kathryn Barger, Supervisor, Los Angeles County, CA (NACo Health Commission)
- Jessica Kirchner, Policy Analyst, Children and Families, National Governors Association (NGA)
- USCM President, Reno, NV Mayor Hillary Schieve
- *TBD additional speaker(s) from NLC*

From: Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 9:57 AM

To: Cisneros, Eduardo EOP/WHO (b)(6); Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: CMS emails

Hi Eduardo – thanks so much for the invitation. Could you share a bit more about the mental health discussion so that we can make sure to loop the right people? What is the event/who is the audience/who else will be speaking?

Thanks so much!

Hannah

Hannah Katch (she/her)
 Senior Advisor, Office of the Administrator
 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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 C: (b)(6)



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From: Cisneros, Eduardo EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 3:42 PM

To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>; Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: CMS emails

Yes, thank you!

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 3:33 PM

To: Cisneros, Eduardo EOP/WHO (b)(6); Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: CMS emails

Sure. Adding @Hannah Katch (CMS/OA) (hannah.katch@cms.hhs.gov) who can check in with CMCS. Once she gives them the heads up we'll go ahead and loop you in with them. Does that work for you?

Thanks!

From: Cisneros, Eduardo EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 3:25 PM

To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: CMS emails

Hi Eden,

Quick one for you hopefully, do you have an email for Kirstin Beronio and Mehreen Rashid. At DPC's recommendation, I'm going to invite them to join a discussion on mental health here on campus on May 10.

Eduardo

Appointment

From: Latkowski, Tom C. EOP/WHO (Intern) (b)(6)

Sent: 4/28/2023 7:33:38 PM

To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)

Subject: Weekly: CLY / Erin Richardson

Location: Christen calls Erin

Start: 5/5/2023 2:00:00 PM

End: 5/5/2023 2:30:00 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Message

From: Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) [PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov]
Sent: 4/28/2023 9:02:36 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Re: Re: CMS Rule

FYI, last I heard, OGC sent comments back on April 11. Is CMS planning to send to run the next round as concurrent HHS/inter-agency clearance, or do you expect to have another HHS-only round first?

From: Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 4:12 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Fwd: CMS Rule

Any idea?

Paul R. Rodríguez
Deputy General Counsel
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
(b)(6) (cell)

From: Kreisberg, Jeremy S. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 4:09:03 PM
To: Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Jacobson, Daniel F. EOP/OMB
(b)(6)
Subject: CMS Rule

Paul: Do you have any estimate of when CMS might be ready to send a rule to OIRA regarding the (b)(5)
(b)(5)

Message

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: 4/28/2023 9:22:11 PM

To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: RE: RE: Call

Cool.

From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 5:12 PM

To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: Call

I'm still on a center call. Will call you once I'm off.

Erin Richardson (she/her)

Chief of Staff



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Message

From: Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) [PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov]
Sent: 4/29/2023 9:37:50 PM
To: Richardson, (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Harris, Will (CMS/OA)
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(b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: Fwd: OIRA Suggestion

FYI

Paul R. Rodríguez
Deputy General Counsel
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
(b)(5) (cell)

From: Kreisberg, Jeremy S. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2023 10:34:41 AM
To: Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>; Greenberg, Mark H (HHS/OGC) <MarkH.Greenberg@hhs.gov>
Subject: OIRA Suggestion

Deliberative

Paul, Mark: Following Paul's good flag yesterday, (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thanks,
Jeremy

Message

From: (b)(6), Administrator (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 5/5/2023 2:29:19 PM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Neal, Phaedra (CMS/OA)
(b)(6)
(b)(6) Richardson (she/her),
Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Re: Re: 340B rule

Happy to offer my office if you want to do HHH. (No preference from me about whether you all come over or we do, whatever is easier)

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From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 9:59:31 AM
To: Nou, Jennifer H. EOP/OMB (b)(6); Bagenstos, Samuel (HHS/OGC) <Samuel.Bagenstos@hhs.gov>; Thompson, Karl R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Spiro, Topher J. EOP/OMB (b)(6); Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>; (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA) (b)(6) Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Seshamani, Meena (CMS/OA) <Meena.Seshamani@cms.hhs.gov>; Rodriguez, Paul (HHS/OGC) <PaulR.Rodriguez@hhs.gov>
Cc: Womack, Eric R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Forrest, Emily B. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Latkowski, Tom C. EOP/WHO (Intern) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: 340B rule

Yes of course! And Tom will work with folks to see if Humphrey is option too.

From: Nou, Jennifer H. EOP/OMB (b)(6)
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Mon May 8, 12:00 pm – 2:30 and Tue May 9, 2:00 pm – 3:30

Kind regards,

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This meeting has landed on May 9 (4:30-5:00) in your conference room. A conference line has also been included just in case someone is unable to attend in person.

I'll be in the office on Tuesday and will escort the visitors upstairs. Thanks.

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Great, thank you!

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure (she/her/hers)
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Subject: RE: RE: (b)(5)

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Subject: RE (b)(5)

Dan

On (b)(5)
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(b)(5) Does that make sense?

Anne Marie

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Subject: RE (b)(5)

Dan,

Responding to your Q for about what's on the agenda for next week. Please see attached for (b)(5)

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Hi – see below. Rachel pinged me as well.

What do you all think? (And what's on the agenda for WH next week?)

Jane, separately, (b)(5) What's status of that?

Thanks

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

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

Subject: RE (b)(5)

Hi, Rachel – let's discuss. (b)(5) Also, for next week's
(b)(5) I think we
talked a little about this last time; I think I remember Anne Marie saying (b)(5)

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Hi Jessica-

Wanted to circle back on (b)(5) We're thinking (b)(5)
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(b)(5) Apologies for the delay- give me a call if easier and happy to discuss.

Rachel

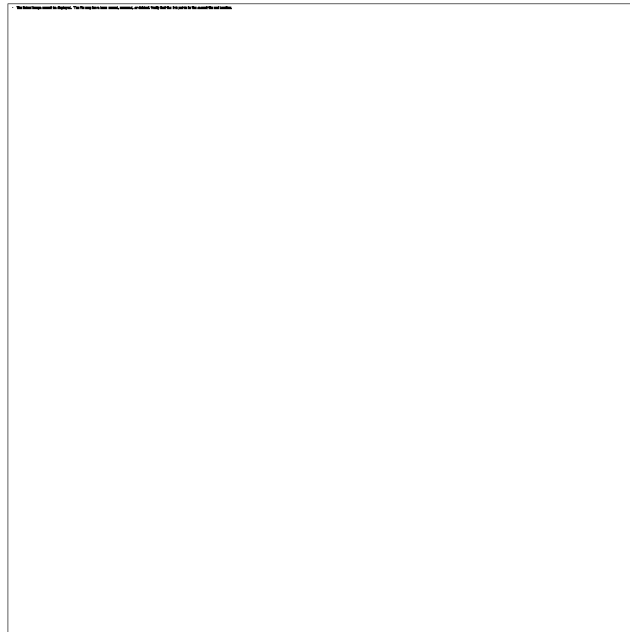
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Health Community Updates

As a reminder, our next White House Health Community Engagement Call will be on **Wednesday, February 8th** at 2:30pm ET. [You can RSVP here](#). Please invite colleagues and members of your community – all are welcome.

FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Actions to Support and Advance Women's Economic Security

This week, the Biden-Harris Administration is marking the upcoming 30th anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) by announcing new actions to support and advance women's economic security. For thirty years, the FMLA has helped Americans take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave from work when they are seriously ill or to care for a new child or a sick family member without the risk of losing their jobs. Today, President Biden is demonstrating his commitment to ensuring access to family and medical leave, by encouraging heads of Federal agencies to provide access to leave for Federal employees when they need it, including during their first year of service.

Across the country, millions of workers still face impossible choices between keeping a paycheck and caring for their family or themselves. This is especially true for women, who shoulder disproportionate caregiving responsibilities, with real consequences for their ability to participate in the labor force and support their families over the course of their lives. That's why the Biden-Harris Administration will continue to champion and take action on national paid family and medical leave, affordable child care, and home and community-based care so that all Americans can both care for and financially support their families.

[Click here for the full factsheet.](#)

Additional Biden-Harris Administration Actions to Support and Advance Women's Economic Security

- [Memorandum on Supporting Access to Leave for Federal Employees](#)
- [Readout of White House State Legislative Convening on Paid Leave](#)
- [Readout of White House Meeting with Black Women Leaders on Reproductive Health and Women's Rights](#)
- [A Proclamation on the 30th Anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act](#)

**FACT SHEET: On One Year Anniversary of Reignited Cancer Moonshot,
Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Actions to End Cancer as
We Know It**

One year ago, President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden reignited the Cancer Moonshot, setting an ambitious, achievable goal: to reduce the death rate from cancer by at least 50 percent over the next 25 years, and improve the experience of people and families living with and surviving cancer, ultimately ending cancer as we know it today.

The Cancer Moonshot has spurred tremendous action across the federal government and from the public and private sectors, building a strong foundation for the work ahead. Today, the Administration is announcing new actions from inside and outside of government that will drive additional progress, drawing us closer to ending cancer as we know it today.

Last year, the President stood up the first-ever Cancer Cabinet to mobilize the federal government, and called on individuals, health care providers, and leaders across sectors to step up and take action in five key priority areas: (1) close the screening gap, (2) understand and address environmental exposure, (3) decrease the impact of preventable cancers, (4) bring cutting-edge research through the pipeline to patients and communities, and (5) support patients and caregivers.

To date, the Cancer Moonshot has announced over 25 new programs, policies, and resources to address these five priority areas. The First Lady has traveled the country and the world to hear from cancer patients and their loved ones, as well as the researchers, physicians, nurses, and patient navigators who support them – focusing on the importance of early detection and improving the experience of patients, families, and caregivers. And, the White House and Cancer Cabinet have held more than 50 community conversations and events. More than 60 private companies, non-profits, academic institutions, and patient groups have also stepped up with new actions and collaborations.

This week's new actions will build on the work done in the first year of the reignited Cancer Moonshot. In addition, today, the President is also announcing his intent to appoint six members to the National Cancer Advisory Board, which plays an important role in guiding the Director of the NCI in setting the course for the national cancer research program.

The Cancer Cabinet is taking the following new actions:

- **National Cancer Institute (NCI) is launching a first-of-its-kind, public-private partnership to bring clinical and patient navigation support to families facing childhood cancer.** The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is launching the Childhood Cancer – Data Integration for Research, Education, Care, and Clinical Trials (CC-DIRECT) to support children and Adolescents and Young Adults (AYAs) with cancer throughout their

cancer journey; provide patient navigation support to families seeking information and optimal care; facilitate research participation; and establish a portable, shareable, standardized cancer health record. This means families facing childhood cancer can reach out for support and get connected to excellent care and the opportunity to participate in research through clinical trials and data sharing initiatives. This new entity represents a groundbreaking collaboration between NCI, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology (ACTO), American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), American Cancer Society (ACS), the MITRE Corporation, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Children's Oncology Group (COG), and the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR).

- **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is awarding \$10 million to improve access to lifesaving cancer screenings and early detection including patient navigation support services.** HRSA, a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is doubling its investment in new partnerships to bring community health centers together with NCI-Designated Cancer Centers to facilitate access to lifesaving cancer screenings and early detection services for underserved communities. Health centers that receive funding will conduct patient outreach in these communities to promote early detection of cancer, connect patients to screening services, and provide direct navigation assistance with accessing high quality cancer care and treatment, as needed. Today's awards total more than \$10 million for 22 HRSA-funded health centers, expanding on the \$5 million awarded to 11 health centers in 2022
- **HHS is launching "CancerX," a Public-Private Partnership developed as a national accelerator to boost innovation in the fight against cancer.** HHS, ONC and Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), is launching the "CancerX" National Innovation Accelerator Initiative, a government wide effort to develop tools, such as digital solutions to improve cancer patient care coordination and communication, new software technology to help community organizations meet cancer patients where they are, or new platforms to support patients with their post-treatment care. This new public-private partnership will drive support for and accelerate the development of biotech and health tech startups solutions focused on the continuum of cancer care, including prevention, detection, treatment, and transitions in care. Organizations whose missions are aligned with the Cancer Moonshot goals will work together to surface innovative solutions and coordinate access to research, mentorship, resources, and other collaborative opportunities. This work will help startups scale their business and work toward creating 'challenge-focused' solutions for cancer with health equity in mind. This initiative will build on previous

models deployed by successful HHS InnovationX program accelerators such as KidneyX and PandemicX.

The public and private sector is stepping up with the following new actions:

Promoting Cancer Prevention

- National Minority Quality Forum (NMQF) is launching local community-based activities to increase cancer screenings in at-risk communities.
- Supergoop! is committing to donate SPF sunscreen to schools and communities across the country to encourage children to start protecting their skin at a young age.

Supporting Patients and Caregivers through their Cancer Fight

- American Cancer Society and the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation launch \$10 Million challenge grant to benefit five American Cancer Society Hope Lodges.
- Colorectal Cancer Alliance is launching BlueHQ, the first-of-its-kind comprehensive support hub for patients, survivors, and caregivers to navigate colorectal cancer.
- New coalition launches to address the obstacles rural patient communities face accessing care.

Bringing Cancer Screening to More Communities

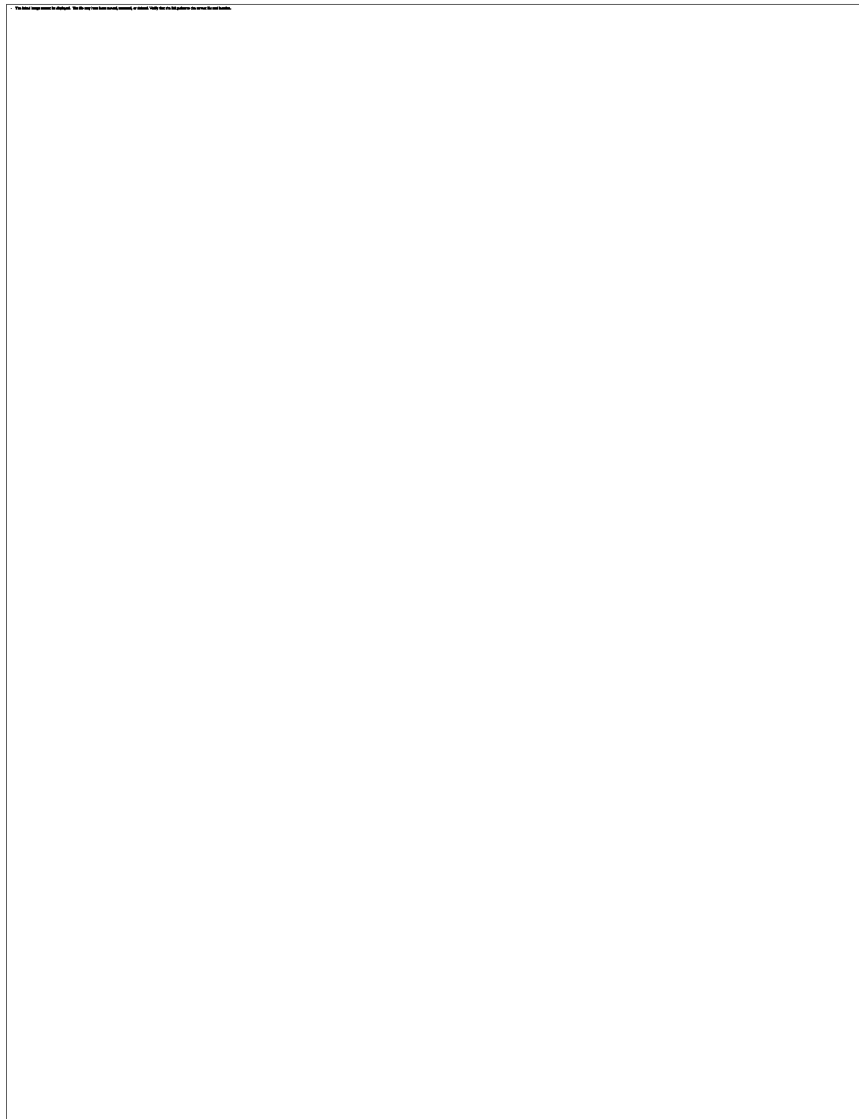
- Prevent Cancer Foundation to launch “Early Detection = Better Outcomes” campaign to improve knowledge and completion of recommended cancer screenings.
- Siemens Healthineers is committing to address cancer screening disparities in underserved regions.

Driving Research Advances through Data Sharing and Clinical Trial Expansion

- CancerLinQ® and Owkin pursue a new research collaboration to improve the care of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer.

- Hyundai Hope On Wheels awards nearly \$15 million to accelerate pediatric cancer research and treatments.
- Susan G. Komen commits resources to improve outcomes and expands services for the breast cancer community.

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A Proclamation on American Heart Month, 2023

During American Heart Month, we recommit to supporting the more than 120 million Americans living with a cardiovascular condition; advancing groundbreaking and lifesaving research; and expanding access to affordable health care, prescription drugs, and healthy lifestyles.

Heart disease has long been the leading cause of death in the United States, claiming nearly 700,000 lives a year. Nearly half of all American adults have at least one major risk factor for cardiovascular disease. From heart attacks and strokes to high blood pressure, the threat of cardiovascular disease touches almost every family in our Nation. But while heart conditions can be costly and deadly, they are also often preventable with access to affordable health care, advancements in technology, and lifestyle changes.

[Click here to read the full proclamation.](#)

Readout of White House Meeting on Efforts to Combat Cervical Cancer

This week, Jennifer Klein, Assistant to the President and Director of the Gender Policy Council, and Danielle Carnival, Coordinator of the White House Cancer Moonshot, were joined by medical experts, researchers, and patient advocates to discuss opportunities and challenges in combatting cervical cancer through immunizations, screening, and treatment and to mark Cervical Health Awareness Month. Participants included cervical cancer survivors, primary care physicians, specialists, and representatives from the National Cancer Institute. White House staff from the Office of the First Lady, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Domestic Policy Council also participated.

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FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Actions and Progress to Protect Communities From Lead Pipes and Paint

Today, at a White House Summit on Accelerating Lead Pipe Replacement hosted by Vice President Harris, the Biden-Harris Administration announced new actions and progress to deliver clean drinking water, replace lead pipes, and remediate lead paint to protect children and communities across America. Through historic levels of funding from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and American Rescue Plan, annual appropriations, and harnessing a variety of tools across

federal, state, and local government, the Administration is delivering tangible progress on the groundbreaking [Biden-Harris Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan](#) announced in December of 2021. The Biden-Harris Administration is working aggressively to replace all lead service lines in America in the next decade.

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HHS Bi-Weekly Briefing on mpox

Please join the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, the White House National mpox Response team, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) for a mpox (formerly known as monkeypox) briefing every other Thursday at 2:00 PM EST.

HHS Weekly Briefing on mpox

Date Bi-weekly on Thursdays

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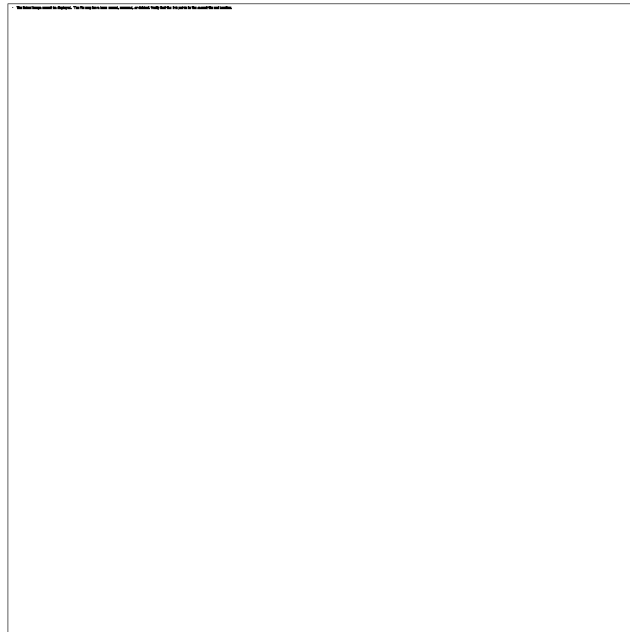
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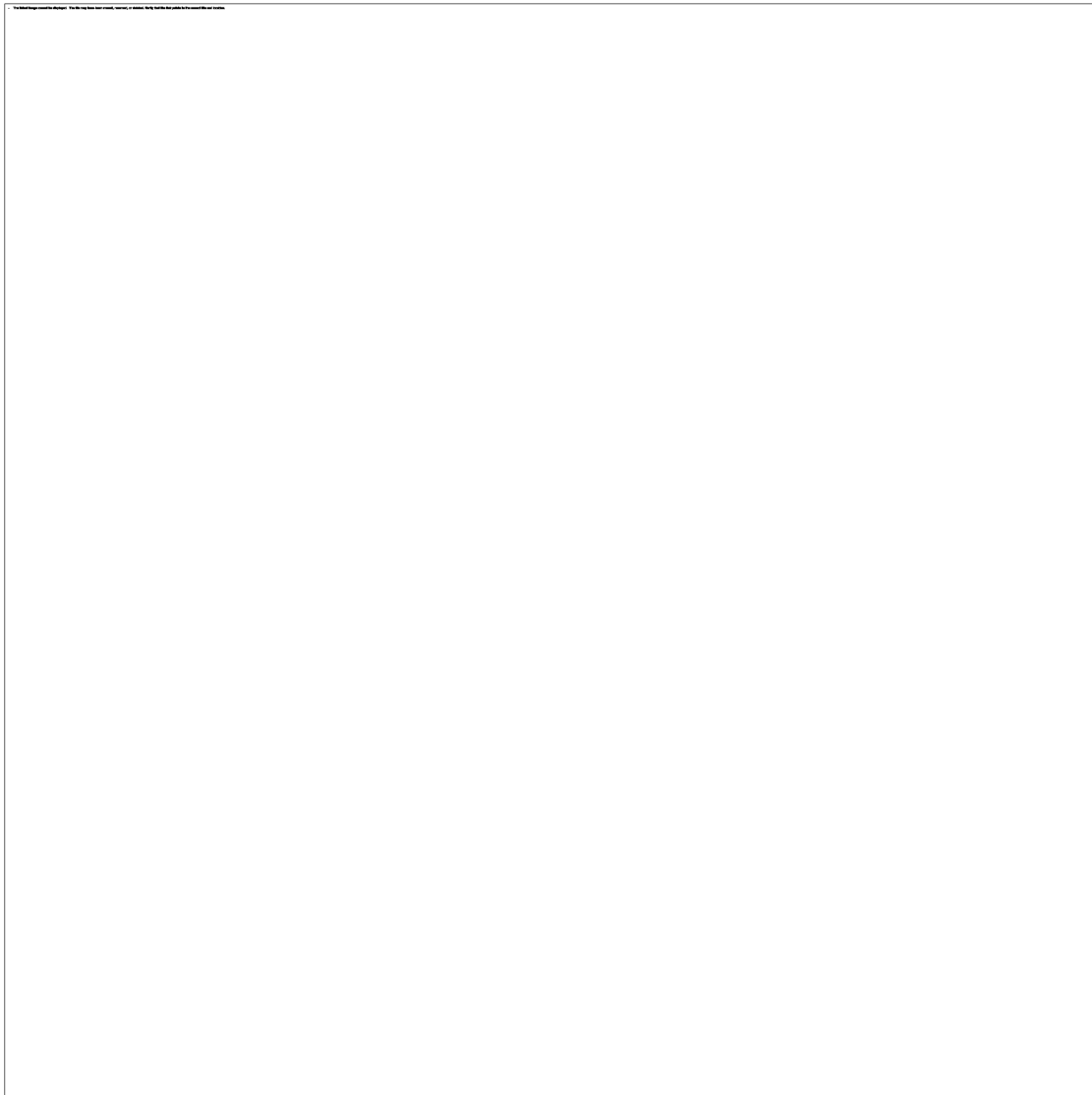
Weekly Health Community Engagement Newsletter



Health Community Updates

Please note, this week's White House Health Community Engagement Call will be **rescheduled** for **Wednesday, February 22nd** at 2:30pm ET. You can RSVP here. Please invite colleagues and members of your community – all are welcome.

In the meantime, please join the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs tomorrow, Thursday, February 9th at 3:00 PM ET, for a call to discuss the health care priorities the President outlined in his State of the Union address. We will be joined by Secretary Becerra's Counselors on reproductive health, mental and behavioral health, Cancer Moonshot, prescription drugs, health care coverage, and more. Register for the webinar at: <https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register> (b)(6)



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FACT SHEET:
**In State of the Union, President Biden to Outline Vision to Advance
Progress on Unity Agenda in Year Ahead**

During his first State of the Union address, President Biden announced a four-part Unity Agenda focused on areas where members of both parties can come together and make additional progress for the American people:

- Ending Cancer as We Know It

- Delivering on the Sacred Obligation to Veterans
- Tackling the Mental Health Crisis
- Beating the Opioid and Overdose Epidemic

[Click here to view President Biden's full remarks.](#)

Ending Cancer As We Know It

Accelerating Progress to End Cancer as We Know It Today:

- To accelerate progress in the fight against cancer, last year, the President and First Lady reignited the Cancer Moonshot with the goal of cutting U.S. cancer death rates by at least half in 25 years and improving the experience of individuals, caregivers, and families living with and surviving cancer.
- Over the past year, the Cancer Moonshot has announced nearly 30 new federal programs, policies and resources to close the screening gap, tackle environmental exposure, decrease preventable cancers, advance cutting-edge research, support patients and caregivers, and more.
- More than 60 private companies, non-profits, academic institutions, and patient groups have also answered the President's call and stepped up with new actions and collaborations.

Bringing America's cancer research system into the 21st century:

- The Administration is urging Congress to reauthorize the National Cancer Act, which 52 years ago set up the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in its current form. The reauthorization will update the nation's cancer research and care systems to put modern American innovation fully to work to end cancer as we know it.
- Working with Congress, we can also lock in the strong investment in cancer research that passed in 2016 as part of the broadly bipartisan 21st Century Cures Act, which otherwise expires this year.

Providing patient navigation support to every American facing cancer:

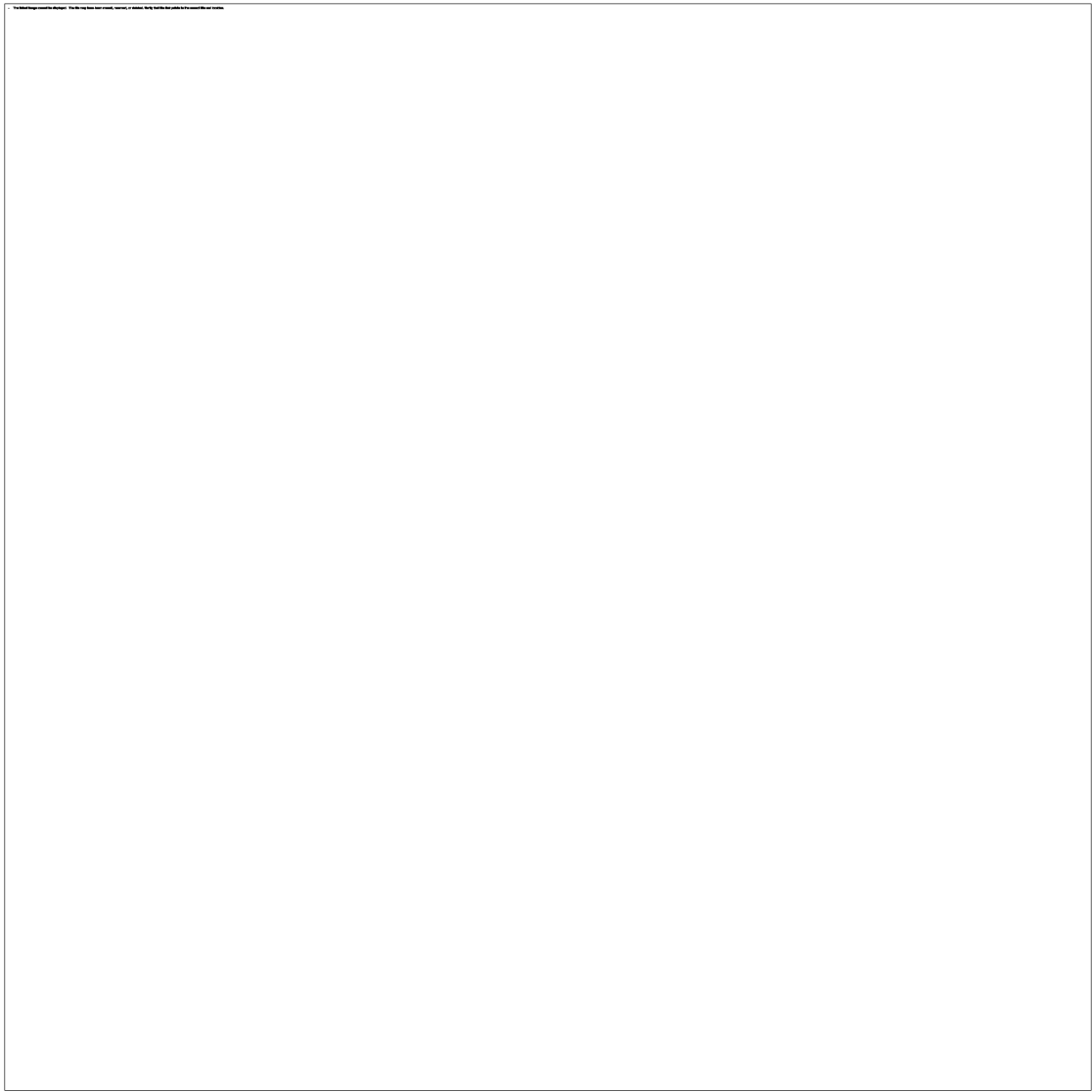
- The Biden-Harris Administration will take steps to ensure that patient navigation services are covered benefits going forward for as many people facing cancer as possible.

Tackling the biggest single driver of cancer deaths in this country – smoking:

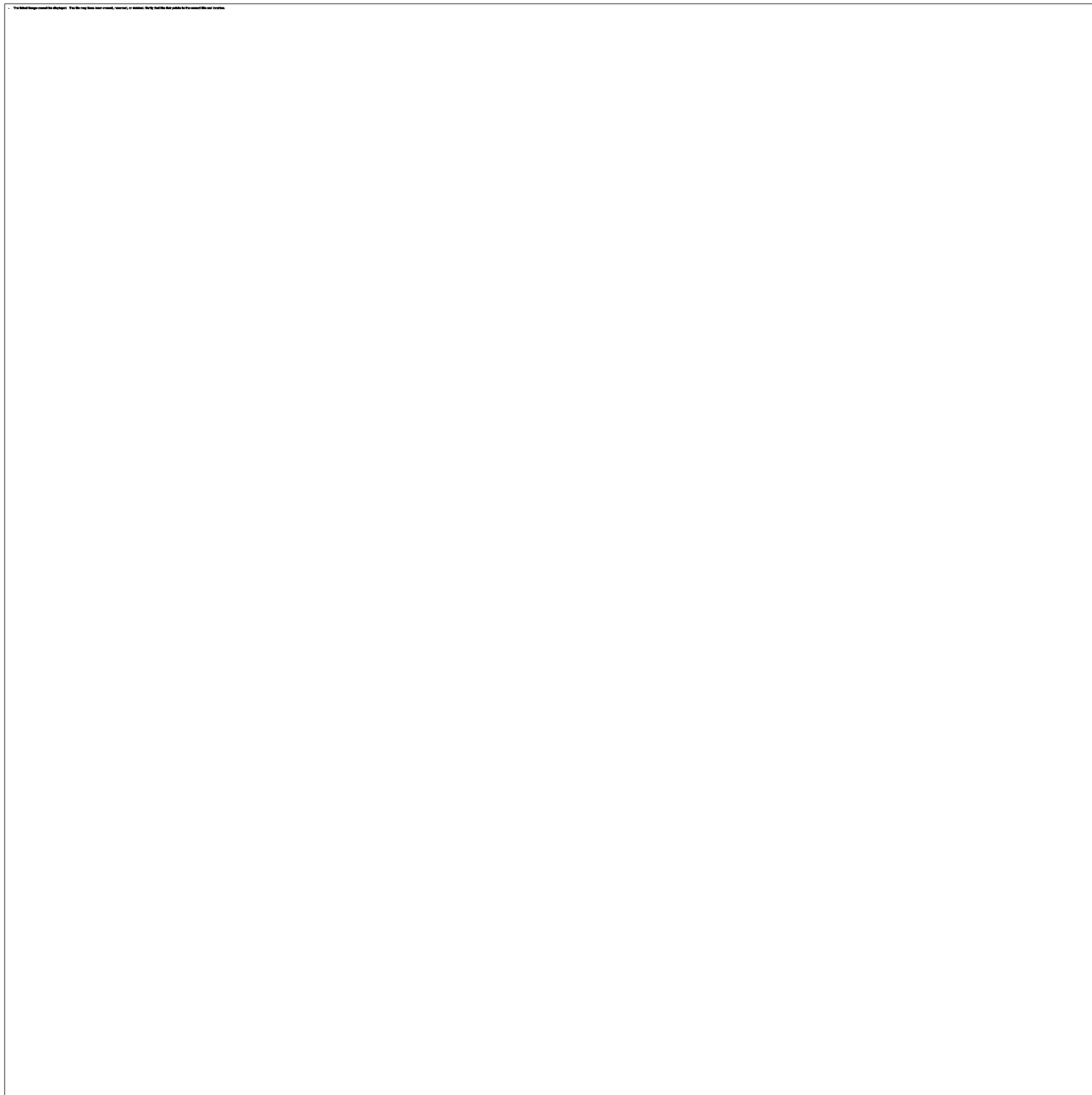
- The Administration is preparing further action to help people avoid smoking in the first place and support Americans who want to quit.
- These steps could prevent as much as 30 percent of cancer deaths in this country, saving up to 130,000 American lives, annually.

During his first State of the Union address, President Biden cited the recent announcement of his plan to supercharge the Cancer Moonshot and called on Congress to fund ARPA-H:

- The Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health, to drive breakthroughs in cancer, Alzheimer's, diabetes, and other diseases. Since that time, the President and Congress have stepped up together to provide ARPA-H \$2.5 billion in initial investment.
- The President also signed into law the Inflation Reduction Act, which will lower prescription drug costs for tens of thousands of cancer patients with Medicare coverage. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will also help cut cancer deaths by accelerating clean-up at Superfund sites and helping states and communities replace lead pipes and service lines.



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Delivering on the Sacred Obligation to Veterans

Supporting America's Veterans and Their Families, Caregivers, and Survivors:

- The President believes there is no more sacred obligation than taking care of our nation's military service members, veterans, and their families, caregivers, and survivors.
- Over the past year, the Administration expanded benefits for veterans as well as their caregivers and survivors, and delivered more benefits and health care more quickly to more veterans than ever before.

- In 2022, VA processed an all-time record 1.7 million veteran claims, and delivered \$128 billion in earned benefits to 6.1 million veterans and survivors.

Reducing veteran suicide:

- Suicide among veterans is a public health and national security crisis. Since 2010, more than 71,000 veterans have died by suicide – more than the total number of deaths from combat during the Vietnam War and operations in Iraq and Afghanistan combined.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is working with the Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Defense (DOD) to partner with 49 states and 5 territories through the Governor’s Challenge.
- To help facilitate this work, VA will launch a new \$10 million program to provide federal resources to states, territories, Tribes and Tribal organizations to develop and implement proposals under the program.

Increase lethal means safety:

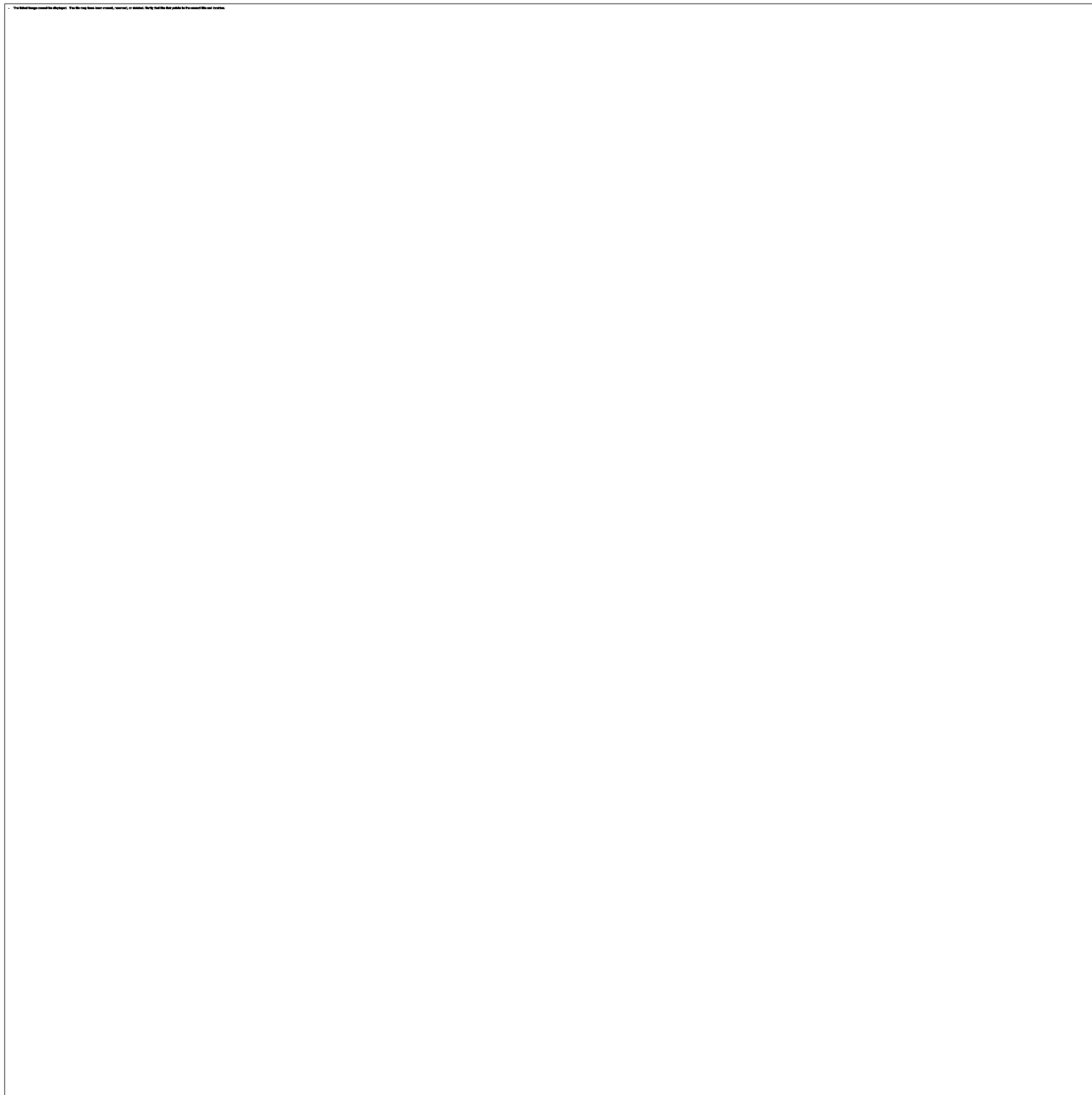
- VA will offer additional training for the 1.3 million community providers and expand KeepItSecure, the landmark lethal means safety campaign, with new resources and materials for providers, caregivers, family members of veterans, and gun shop owners to encourage safe storage of firearms and lethal medications.

Expand outreach to justice involved veterans:

- Through Veteran Treatment Courts and other justice outreach engagements, VA is able to provide veterans access to benefits and services that can be life-changing, and VA will accelerate hiring of veteran justice outreach professionals to expand these programs.

Expand Access to Legal Support Services:

- VA will build upon and expand its current 28 Medical-Legal Partnerships. Family caregivers participating in VA’s Program of Comprehensive Assistance will also be able to receive Financial and Legal Assistance later this year.
- VA will also award up to 75 grants under its new Legal Services for Homeless Veterans and Veterans at Risk for Homeless (LSV-H) program to provide legal services to veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.



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Tackling the Mental Health Crisis

Advance this Administration's Mental Health Strategy:

- Last year, President Biden called for additional actions to advance his Mental Health Strategy across its three objectives: support Americans by creating healthy environments; strengthening system capacity, and connecting more Americans to care.
- Over the last year, the Administration invested critical resources to provide mental health and substance use supports to Americans, including by expanding Certified Community

Behavioral Health Clinics, investing unprecedented resources in the 988 suicide prevention hotline, and taking steps to help address the harms of social media on youth. In the State of the Union, the President will say that we will continue that work by:

Creating healthy environments:

- The Administration will build on the Surgeon-General's Youth Mental Health Advisory, the Department of Health and Human Services' new Center of Excellence on Social Media and Mental Wellness, and the recent passage of the Children and Media Research Advancement Act.
- The President is calling for bipartisan support to ban targeted advertising online for children and young people and enact strong protections for their privacy, health and safety online.

Strengthen data privacy and platform transparency for all Americans:

- We must also demand transparency about the algorithms companies use that far too often discriminate against Americans and sow division.
- The President has called for imposing much stronger transparency requirements on Big Tech platforms and is calling for bipartisan support to impose strong limits on targeted advertising and the personal data that companies collect on all Americans.

Support the mental health of the health workforce:

- This year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will launch a new campaign to provide a hub of mental health and resiliency resources to health care organizations in better supporting their workforce.

Promote youth resilience:

- To help foster innovation in promoting resilience, HHS will launch a new Children and Youth Resilience Prize Challenge, awarding a total of \$750,000 in a new pilot program.

Connecting more Americans to care:

- To mitigate these challenges, the Administration is working to make care more affordable and accessible across all types of health insurance, integrating mental health services into settings that are more familiar, such as schools, and expanding access to telehealth.

Improve school-based mental health:

- The Department of Education (ED) will announce more than \$280 million in grants to increase the number of mental health care professionals in high-need districts and strengthen the school-based mental health profession pipeline.
- HHS and ED intend to issue guidance and propose a rule, respectively, to remove red tape for schools, making it easier for them to provide health care to students and more easily bill Medicaid funding for these critical services.

Strengthen parity:

- This spring, the Administration will propose new rules to ensure that insurance plans are not imposing inequitable barriers to care and mental health providers are being paid by health plans on par with other health care professionals.

Enhance crisis services:

- The Administration launched 988, the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, in 2022, making it easier for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis to receive timely care.
- In the coming year, HHS will improve the capacity of the 988 Lifeline by investing in an expansion of the crisis care workforce; scaling mobile crisis intervention services; and developing additional guidance on best practices in crisis response.

Expand access to telehealth:

- HHS will triple resources dedicated to promoting interstate license reciprocity for delivery of mental health services across state lines.
- VA will launch a new nationwide network of behavioral health clinicians to ensure timely access to evidence-based mental health services to veterans enrolled in VA health care.
- DoD will continue to expand the BRAVE program, a virtual behavioral health center providing services 24/7 to service members and their families located on federal installations across the globe.

Beating the Opioid and Overdose Epidemic

Accelerating the Crackdown on Fentanyl Trafficking and Public Health Efforts to Save Lives:

- Last year, President Biden announced his plan to beat the opioid epidemic as part of his Unity Agenda, because opioid use and trafficking affect families in red communities and blue communities and every community in between.
- Under President Biden’s leadership, overdose deaths and poisonings have decreased for five months in a row – but these deaths remain unacceptably high and are primarily caused by fentanyl.

Disrupting the trafficking, distribution, and sale of fentanyl:

- In just the last year Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has seized a historic 260,000 pounds of illicit drugs primarily at ports of entry on our border, including nearly 15,000 pounds of fentanyl.
- Through President Biden’s Executive Order on Imposing Sanctions on Foreign Persons Involved in the Global Illicit Drug Trade, the Department of the Treasury has imposed sanctions against dozens of individuals and entities involved in the illicit drug trade.

Stop more fentanyl from getting into the U.S. at the Southwest Border Ports of Entry:

- By providing 123 new large-scale scanners at Land Points of Entry along the Southwest Border by Fiscal Year 2026, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will increase its inspection capacity from what has historically been around two percent of passenger vehicles and about 17 percent of cargo vehicles to 40 percent of passenger vehicles and 70 percent of cargo vehicles.

Stop more packages from being shipped into the United States with fentanyl and the materials used to make it:

- Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) is working with these companies to have them voluntarily provide data that help law enforcement identify, inspect and intercept suspicious packages.
- (CBP) will expand these voluntary data sharing partnerships to capture more information – and, in turn, seize more packages

Expanding access to evidence-based prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery:

- Over the last year, the Biden-Harris Administration took unprecedented steps to expand access to naloxone and other harm reduction interventions, such as permitting the use of \$50 million for local public health departments to purchase naloxone, releasing guidance to

make it easier for programs to obtain and distribute naloxone to at-risk populations, and prioritizing the review of over-the-counter naloxone applications.

Deliver more life-saving naloxone to communities hit hard by fentanyl:

- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will provide enhanced technical assistance to states who have existing State Opioid Response funds, and will host peer learning forums, national policy academies, and convenings with organizations distributing naloxone beginning this spring.

Ensure every jail and prison across the nation can provide treatment for substance use disorder:

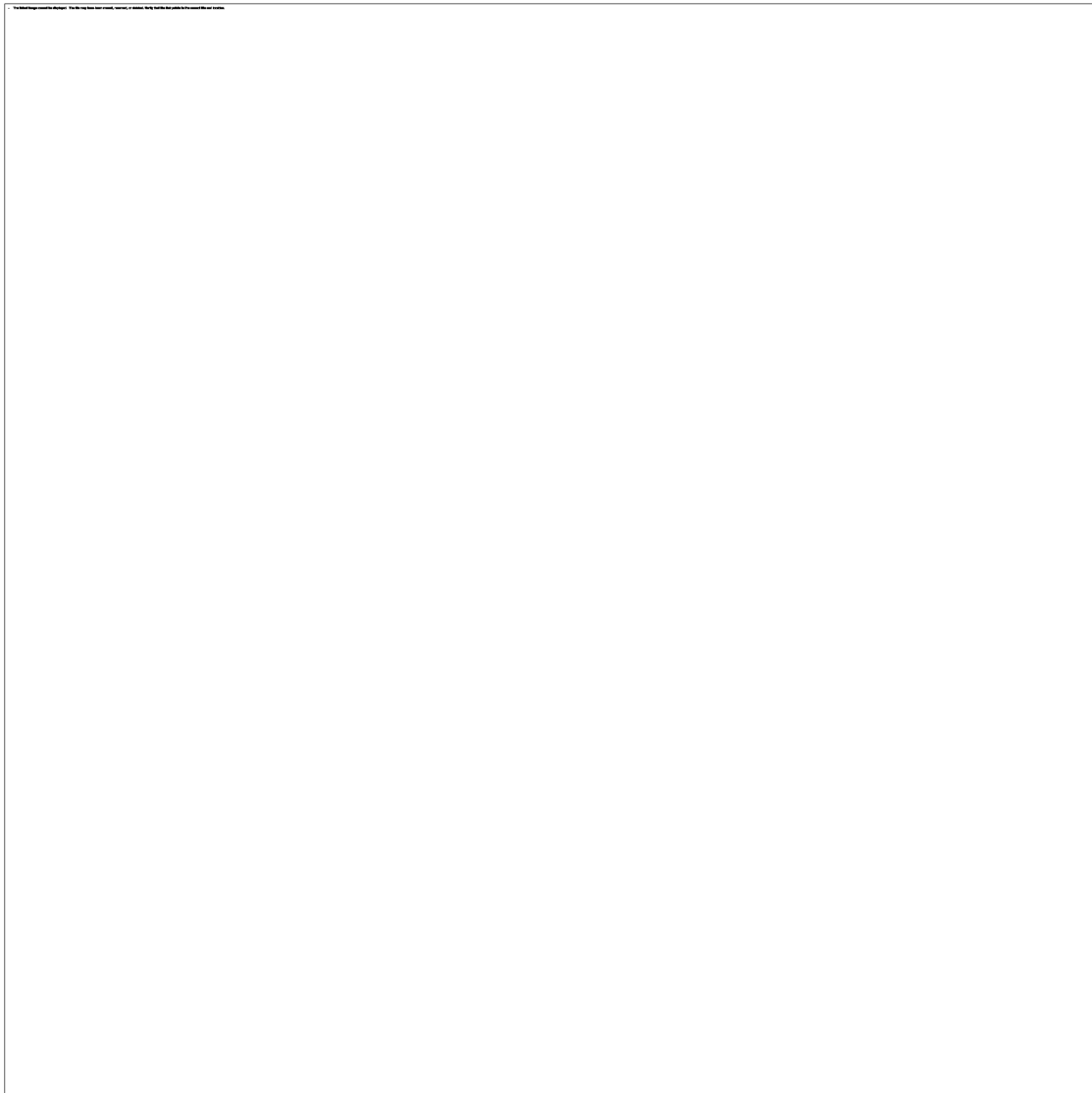
- By this summer, the Federal Bureau of Prisons will ensure that each of their 122 facilities are equipped and trained to provide in-house medication-assisted treatment (MAT).
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will provide guidance this spring allowing states to use Medicaid funds to provide health care services—including treatment for people with substance use disorder—to individuals in those facilities prior to their release.

Build on historic progress to drastically expand access to medications for opioid use disorder:

- The Biden-Harris Administration will further expand access to treatment by working with medical professionals to make prescribing proven treatments, including buprenorphine for opioid use disorder, part of routine health care delivery and ensure that manufacturers, wholesalers, and pharmacies are making medications available to everyone with a prescription.

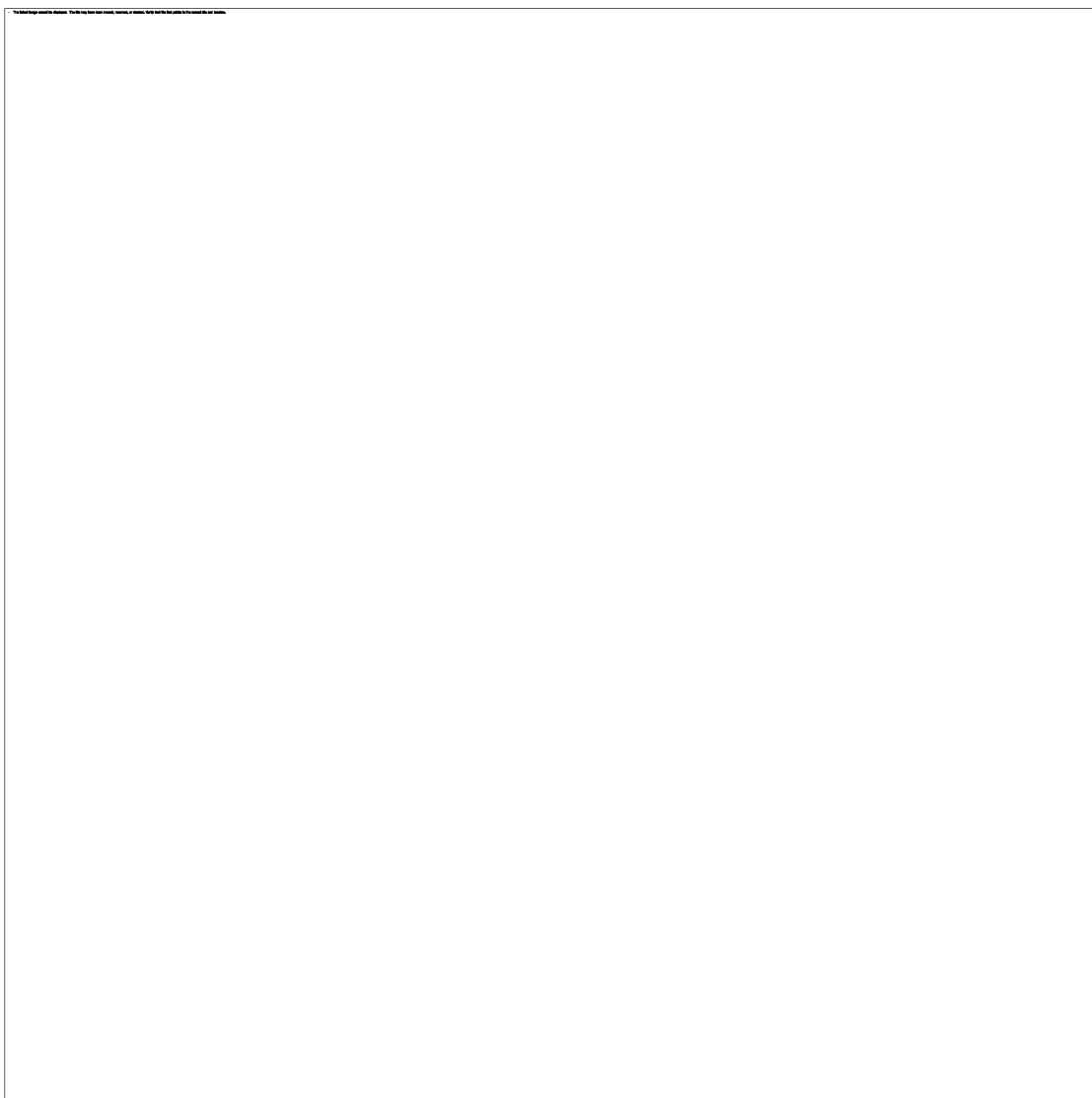
Launch a national campaign to educate young people on the dangers of fentanyl, and how naloxone saves lives:

- The Ad Council's Real Deal on Fentanyl campaign has raised awareness about the dangers of fentanyl among youth. The Ad Council will build on this work by launching a naloxone education component of the campaign, which will reach the young people who are the fastest-growing age group to experience opioid overdose and poisoning by engaging popular social media platforms, college athletes and campus-based organizations.
- The campaign will also develop media to be shared on college campuses, in bars, public transportation stations, and retail locations to educate young people about the dangers of fentanyl and highlight naloxone resources.

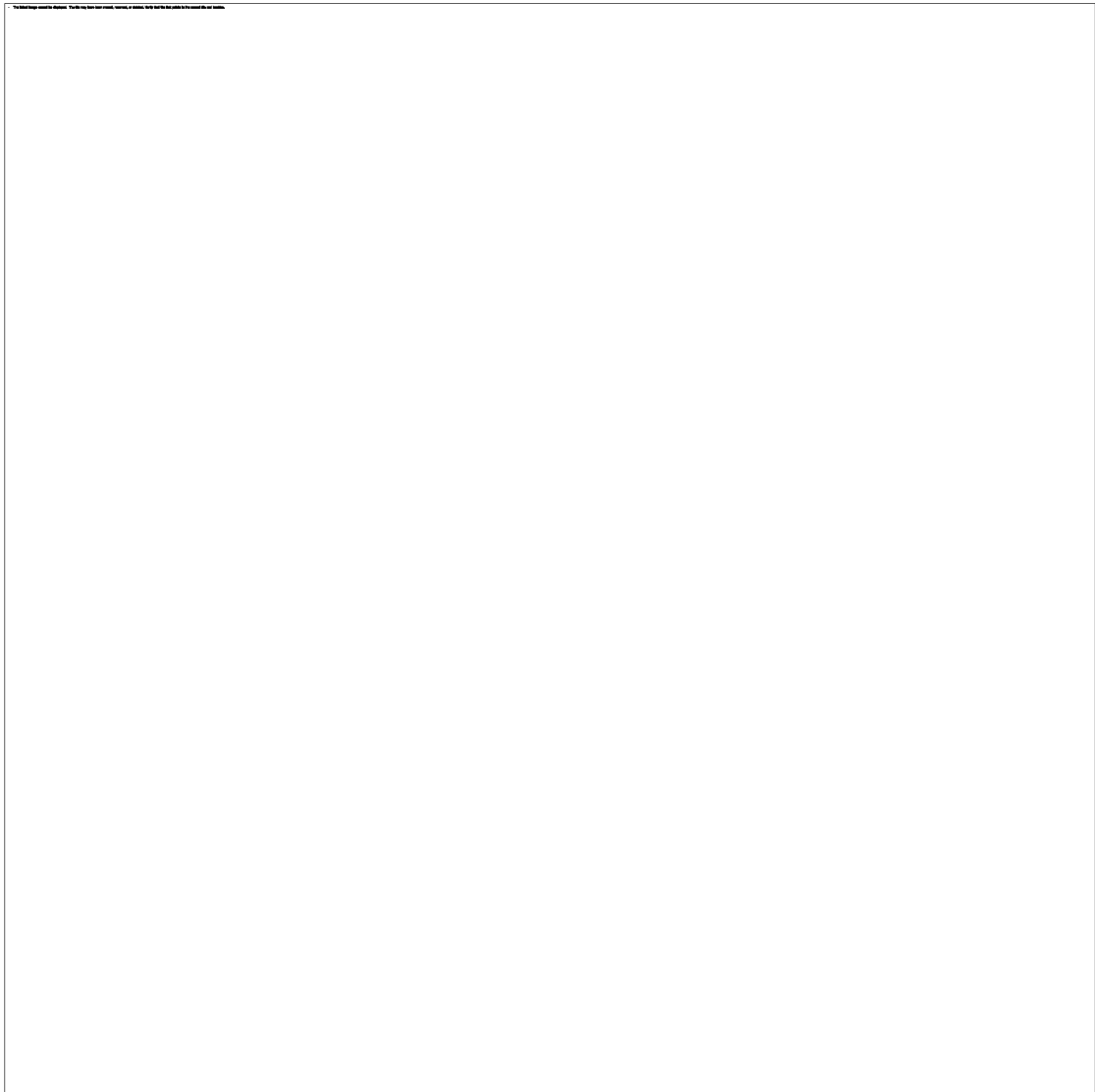


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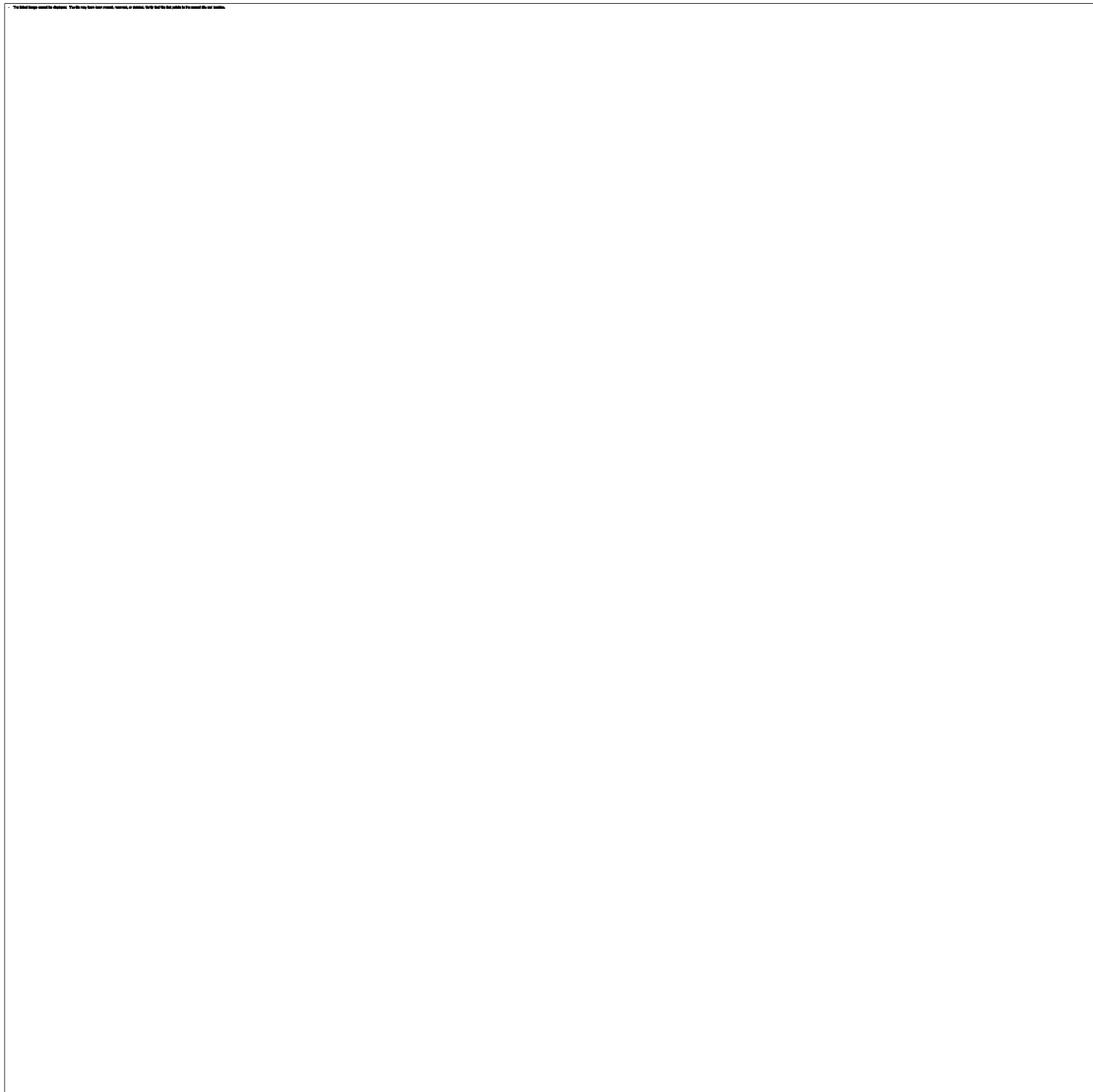
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(CMS/OA) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Re: Draft Slides for Wednesday (b)(5)

Thanks Kristi! I'll send any questions by tomorrow EOD.

On Feb 13, 2023, at 11:58 AM, Martin, Kristi (CMS/CM) <Kristina.Martin@cms.hhs.gov> wrote:

Hi Clare,

Attached are the draft slides for the discussion on Wednesday. This is part 1 of 3. Part 2 will come across to you on Wednesday for Friday's meeting.

As we discussed last Friday, we can also revisit any outstanding questions/comments on the (b)(5) (b)(5) Let me know if you need to chat. Thanks so much!

Best,
Kristi

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Oaky, let's talk soon. And let me know if you want to put deputies time on the calendar (you, Stacy, me, Bharat?) later this week or next?

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Subject: nursing home staffing

We are closing in the HHS recommendation (we have a CMS one), which will have significant implications for our Medicaid agenda. I think at minimum we'll need a phase-in, but even so, it will be very challenging to do this and unwinding and then an access rule—so I think a principals meeting on this will probably be necessary.

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Just wanted to pass on that I think the quality of the briefing materials (and the verbal briefing) has been great the last few weeks, and whatever process improvements you put in place are working. Thanks! And thanks to the team!

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Subject: Re: Re: Upcoming (b)(5)

Hi Meghan - Pulling down this Friday (b)(5) (b)(5) and can use that time to discuss any questions/comments.

Adding Nisha here for other Medicare weekly agenda items for the 1/25 weekly. When would you send the (b)(5) briefing materials?

On Jan 18, 2023, at 9:37 PM, OToole, Meghan (CMS/OA) <Meghan.OToole1@cms.hhs.gov> wrote:

Hi Christen and Clare,

We have a number of (b)(5) (b)(5) would be helpful. For the next week and a half, it would be helpful to shift some meetings time and schedule an additional briefing as in the following:

Friday (1/20), 1 PM – We would like to pull down this time and use time next week instead because we need a bit more time for the issues that will be briefed

Wednesday (1/25), 3 PM – We propose using the Wednesday DPC Medicare Check-in time for an (b)(5) (b)(5)

Friday (1/27), 1 PM – Continue (b)(5) on the regular Friday call

TBD: We would like to schedule a small group meeting (with key commenters) late next week to review (b)(5)

Would this schedule work for you? If so, I can work with Mikaela to find a time on the (b)(5) (b)(5) meeting.

Also, it is possible that additional time during the week of 1/29 would be helpful, and we will follow up as soon as we can on that.

Thanks,
Meghan

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CC: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHC (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Updated re: MA/Fact Sheet

No fireworks - the questions have been pretty technical and as expected based on what the plans have been saying.

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Cc: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Updated re: MA/Fact Sheet

How is GOP hill reaction? Are they making a big deal out of stuff or is it quiet? (b)(5)

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} Just curious how we can keep this moving.

Thanks,
Rachel

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Cc: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Updated re: MA/Fact Sheet

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For

timing awareness our OIG and OGC are doing one final scrub of the fact sheet and addressing a couple final questions before we lock.

We will also (b)(5) let us know if any other edits to language/framing

Thank you!

From: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 2:03 PM

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Subject: RE: Updated re: MA/Fact Sheet

If time is of essence which I think it is, then (b)(5)

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Cc: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Updated re: MA/Fact Sheet

@Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA) I have added a couple of reporters to the list who are frequent flyers on health care.

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Cc: Molt-West, Alicia H. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Updated re: MA/Fact Sheet

Thanks for flagging, Liz. I connected with CMS OL and we would ask (b)(5)

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Happy to chat further if needed.

From: Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA) <Elizabeth.Smalley@hhs.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 1:08 PM

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Subject: RE: Updated re: MA/Fact Sheet

Thanks all.

Draft note to reporters attached here for this group's input and review. Can leg team let us know if (b)(5)? Wondering if we can use as a timing hook.

Also included list of beat reporters we're looking to push this out to – let us know if there's anyone else you want included or we can forward final version that goes out if there are other reporters beyond health beat you'd like to flag.

We are working to get final approval on Secretary quote – will share final version here as soon as it's approved. Once this group is good with all the finals, we'll hit send on some social (Secretary + HHS spox accounts) and send the embargoed note out to reporters.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Thanks!

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Yes, that's right. Briefing is at 1pm, so anytime after that works.

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: Updated re: MA/Fact Sheet

We want this out today – after the bipartisan briefing, right Alicia/Rose?

From: Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Updated re: MA/Fact Sheet

Hi Stacy – thanks for sending. Edits attached here on the line we discussed.

From: Sanders, Stacy (HHS/IOS) <Stacy.Sanders@hhs.gov>

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Subject: Updated re: MA/Fact Sheet

Importance: High

Hi, all, the HHS/CMS teams circled up this morning.

So all have viz—attached is the latest version of the HHS fact sheet. It will be accompanied by a quote from the Secretary which is still under review.

Flagging—Alex and Liz D. will be following up with WH OLA on a couple outstanding questions from us.

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Subject: RE: Biden's new Medicare cuts

Undergoing last leg of copy edits/final eyes now, but final clean version of the fact sheet attached here. Do we expect any additional edits/review on your end? Secretary's quote is still under review but will share final as soon as we have – hoping to have finalized this morning. Thanks!

From: Thomas, Rachel R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

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Subject: Re: Biden's new Medicare cuts

Can we see final version of fact sheet? Ok with exclusive or giving to a group of reporters on embargo.

On Feb 15, 2023, at 7:20 PM, Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA) <Elizabeth.Smalley@hhs.gov> wrote:

Just spoke with Tami again – unfortunately she now has to stay on covering debt ceiling and budget and won't be able to do exclusive on this tomorrow.

We can either (b)(5)
(b)(5) Let us know if you have any preference on that or timing and we can move forward.

For the latest timing update on materials – we are still working to finalize both the fact sheet and the statement tonight. We will share back as soon as we get clean, final versions.

From: Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA)

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 4:39 PM

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Yes definitely – will do

From: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Biden's new Medicare cuts

I'm fine with that plan pls just send stuff back as it ready

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Subject: RE: Biden's new Medicare cuts

++ team for viz and an update on the latest –

We haven't seen much pickup on Avalere report in clips or social, and have only received one inquiry on it from Fierce Healthcare. We are continuing to monitor.

Fact sheet is currently under final review with our OGC. We still need Secretary approval on his statement, which we will get tonight. Our current plan is (b)(5)

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Let us know if any thoughts/preferences on timing and press plan. Happy to discuss.

From: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 3:50 PM

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Subject: RE: Biden's new Medicare cuts

Checking on this!!

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Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 11:37 AM

To: Thomas, Rachel R. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA) <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Biden's new Medicare cuts

Thank you! Will crash on getting this finalized ASAP.

From: Thomas, Rachel R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Biden's new Medicare cuts

Here's our feedback on the fact sheet/statement

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Subject: RE: Biden's new Medicare cuts

I just spoke with him – his story has already been set up to run in the next hour – he's happy to take anything we want to share or can update his story. He also said he'd definitely be interested in anything we have coming on this so we could (b)(5)

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If we want to (b)(5)?
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Let us know what you think – happy to discuss

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And could also share this background just to reiterate our points

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Let's get back to him in meantime

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Subject: RE: Biden's new Medicare cuts

Yeah I don't even know: (b)(5)

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From: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

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To: Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA) <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>; Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA)

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Subject: RE: Biden's new Medicare cuts

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From: Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA) <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:26 AM

To: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA)

<Elizabeth.Smalley@hhs.gov>; Thomas, Rachel R. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Biden's new Medicare cuts

Yes...Liz had exactly the same thought

From: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:25 AM

To: Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA) <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>; Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA)

<Elizabeth.Smalley@hhs.gov>; Thomas, Rachel R. (b)(6)

Subject: FW: Biden's new Medicare cuts

Hi – let's (b)(5)

(b)(5) Thx!

From: Ruoff, Alexander <aruoff@bloombergindustry.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:11 AM

To: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Cc: 'Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA)' <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>; Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA)

<Elizabeth.Smalley@hhs.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Biden's new Medicare cuts

Yeah I'm writing about how BMA (funded by Humana/Aetna/UnitedHealth) is spending millions of dollars on "Mediscare" ads – one aired during the Super Bowl in the DC area. This study is just part of that larger effort to piggyback on the larger debt ceiling/Medicare debate to paint the payment rule as a cut to Medicare.

Alex

From: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHC (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:05 AM
To: Ruoff, Alexander <aruoff@bloombergindustry.com>
Cc: 'Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA)' <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>; Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA) <Elizabeth.Smalley@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Biden's new Medicare cuts

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OK – HHS will, but I want to make sure you understand that this is industry funded and indicate as much. It's not true to say independent.

Off the record also -- BMA is made up of large plans, and 4 out of the 5 big MA plans are in suits with DOPJ for fraud, so maybe not the most trustworthy group...

From: Ruoff, Alexander <aruoff@bloombergindustry.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:56 AM
To: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHC (b)(6)
Cc: 'Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA)' <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>; Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA) <Elizabeth.Smalley@hhs.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Biden's new Medicare cuts

Thanks! Yeah I'm looking for some response here.

CMS's analysis had this rate showing a 1.03% increase, right?

Alex

From: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHC (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:55 AM
To: Ruoff, Alexander <aruoff@bloombergindustry.com>
Cc: 'Ciccone, Caroline (HHS/ASPA)' <Caroline.Ciccone@hhs.gov>; Smalley, Elizabeth (HHS/ASPA) <Elizabeth.Smalley@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Biden's new Medicare cuts

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HHS has lots to say here, looping them here.

Off the record, this is NOT an "independent analysis" – it's industry funded

From: Ruoff, Alexander <aruoff@bloombergindustry.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:52 AM

To: Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Biden's new Medicare cuts

Kevin,

I'm writing about the Better Medicare Alliance putting out ads about this – the claim that the 2024 payment rates will be a cut.

Any response from the White House?

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Alex Ruoff

Senior Reporter

Bloomberg Government

Office: 202-416-3021

Cell: (b)(6)

From: NRSC Communications <NRSCCommunications@nrsc.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:41 AM

To: Ruoff, Alexander <aruoff@bloombergindustry.com>

Subject: Biden's new Medicare cuts

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Biden's new Medicare cuts

Hi there--

A new independent analysis found Joe Biden's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) CY 2024 Advance Notice could cut Medicare Advantage by \$540 per Medicare Advantage enrollee on average next year, or 29%.

This comes days after Joe Biden falsely accused the GOP of wanting to cut benefits.

NRSC Comment: **"Joe Biden is trying to gut Medicare benefits. Seniors can't trust Democrats to protect Medicare."** – NRSC Spokesman Philip Letsou

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From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: 2/16/2023 9:22:41 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Pryor, Rachel
(HHS/OS/IOS) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
CC: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHC (b)(6)
Subject: week of 2/27

Flag: Follow up

I mentioned this to (b)(6) briefly this morning, but we are likely to be (b)(5)

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(b)(5) (Jessica is also reaching out to ASPE and CMS teams on some data asks.)

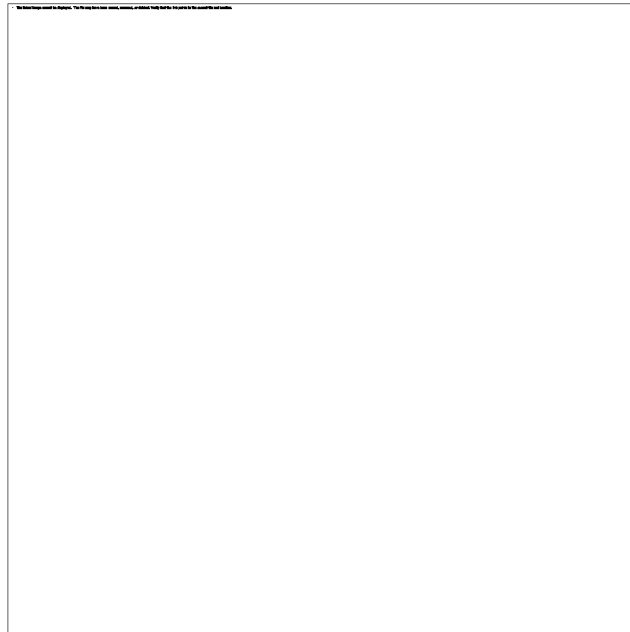
As you certainly know, our messaging plans are always subject to change, so lets stay in touch, but wanted to get people thinking.

Thanks!
Christen

Message

From: White House Office of Public Engagement (b)(6)
Sent: 2/17/2023 10:09:45 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
Subject: Weekly Health Community Engagement Newsletter

Weekly Health Community Engagement Newsletter



Health Community Updates
February 17th, 2023

As a reminder, our next White House Health Community Engagement Call will be on **Wednesday, February 22nd** at 2:30pm ET. [You can RSVP here](#). Please invite colleagues and members of your community – all are welcome.

**FACT SHEET: New Data Show 8.2 Million Fewer Americans Struggling
with Medical Debt Under the Biden-Harris Administration**

The Administration's work to strengthen the Affordable Care Act along with new consumer protections lead to continued progress reducing the burden of medical debt.

This week, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) released a new report that shows that the number of Americans with medical debt on their credit reports fell by 8.2 million from the first quarter of 2020 to the first quarter of 2022. Today's report is consistent with a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that found that the number of Americans who are part of families having trouble paying their medical bills declined by 5.5 million between 2020 and 2021. One driver of these declines is the significant increase in the number of insured Americans over this period, a result of the President's strategy of protecting and strengthening the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and lowering health care costs. The decline also reflects continued actions by the CFPB to highlight problems with inaccurate reporting of debt in collections and put the industry on notice to correct their behavior.

President's April 2022 announcement, medical debt was directly relieved for many low-income Americans. And, informed by research showing that medical debt is not a reliable predictor of financial health, federal agencies are working to eliminate the use of medical debt to assess creditworthiness for participation in government lending programs. Specifically:

- **The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)** implemented a streamlined process to make it easier and faster for lower-income veterans to get their VA medical debt forgiven. The new process – establishing simple criteria to qualify for debt relief and launching a new online debt relief portal – has already **provided relief to over 10,000 veterans and saved them more than \$10 million in copay debt.**
- Communities across the country – from Cook County, Illinois, to Toledo, Ohio, to New Orleans, Louisiana, to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – are using or have passed legislation to use about \$16 million American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to purchase medical debt from hospitals and other sources and forgive it, **wiping out nearly \$1.5 billion in medical debt, a ratio of nearly 100-to-1.** Other localities and states have proposed to make similar purchases using ARP funding.
- The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) validated and approved the use of VantageScore 4.0, along with FICO 10T, for the underwriting of mortgages by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The addition of VantageScore 4.0, which excludes medical debt entirely, **marks the first time that a credit score that excludes medical debt has been approved for mortgage underwriting of Enterprise loans.**
- The Small Business Administration (SBA) will **take a number of steps to reduce the role of medical debt in the underwriting of loans** for its 7(a) guaranteed loan program, including revising its lender Standard Operating Procedures to discourage consideration of

medical debt and making technology investments in Lender Match to help borrowers find lenders that exclude medical debt in their credit decisions.

FACT SHEET: New Data Show 8.2 Million Fewer Americans Struggling with Medical Debt Under the Biden-Harris Administration



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FACT SHEET: Congressional Republicans' Many Proposals to Cut Social Security and Medicare, and Increase Prescription Drug Prices and Health Care Premiums

President Biden has taken action to strengthen Medicare and protect Social Security – bedrock programs that Americans have paid into and that tens of millions of seniors depend on to support their livelihoods. Congressional Republicans, however, have a different record. For years, Republican Members of Congress have repeatedly tried to cut Medicare and Social Security, move toward privatizing one or both programs, and raise the Social Security retirement age and Medicare eligibility age. And just last week, House Republicans introduced legislation to repeal President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, which would give tens of billions of dollars in subsidies back to Big Pharma, raise seniors' prescription drug prices, and raise taxes on an estimated 14.5 million people – all while increasing the deficit.

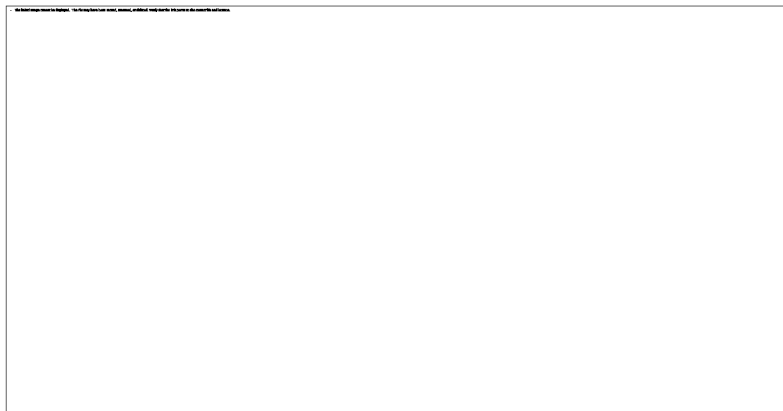
Through President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act:

- Seniors are paying no more than \$35 per month for an insulin prescription. **If this law had been in effect in 2020, over 90,000 Floridians would have saved an average of \$476.**
- Seniors are able to get recommended vaccines for free, saving many seniors hundreds of dollars.

- Seniors' out of pocket prescription drug costs will be capped at \$2000 per year – benefitting over a million Medicare beneficiaries and cancer patients paying skyrocketing prices for prescription drugs each year.
- An estimated 14.5 million Americans are saving on health insurance premiums under the Affordable Care Act.
- Drug companies will have to pay Medicare a rebate if they raise their prices faster than inflation. Today, the Department of Health and Human Services is announcing next steps for implementing this key provision of the President's prescription drug law, which will lower drug costs for millions of Americans.

And President Biden wants to build on this historic progress. In his State of the Union Address, the President has called on Congress to:

- Commit to taking cuts to Social Security and Medicare off the table.
- Expand the insulin cap in the Inflation Reduction Act, so all Americans can benefit from insulin being capped at \$35 for a month's supply.
- Make permanent the ACA tax credits that – thanks to President Biden's prescription drug law – **are lowering health insurance premiums for an estimated 14.5 million people, and close the Medicaid coverage gap to benefit more than 1 million Floridians.**



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President Biden Signs Executive Order to Strengthen Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Across the Federal Government

On his first day in office, President Biden signed Executive Order 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*. That Order emphasized the enormous human costs of systemic racism and persistent poverty, and provided a powerful and unprecedented mandate for all federal agencies to launch a whole-of-government approach to equity. Over the past two years, agencies have taken historic steps toward ensuring that federal programs are serving the American people in an equitable and just manner and supporting communities that have been locked out of opportunity. Through the implementation of landmark legislation and historic executive action, the Biden-Harris Administration is working to make real the promise of America for everyone—including rural communities, communities of color, Tribal communities, LGBTQI+ individuals, people with disabilities, women and girls, and communities impacted by persistent poverty.

Despite the meaningful progress that the Biden-Harris Administration has made, the reality is that underserved communities—many of whom have endured generations of discrimination and disinvestment—still confront unacceptable barriers to equal opportunity and the American Dream. It is imperative that we reject the narrow, cramped view of American opportunity as a zero-sum game. When any segment of society is denied the full promise of America, our entire Nation is held back. But when we lift each other up, we are all lifted up. As the President has said: “Advancing equity is not a one-year project. It’s a generational commitment.”

To strengthen the federal government’s ability to address the barriers that underserved communities continue to face, today, President Biden signed a new Executive Order, *Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*. This second Order reaffirms the Administration’s commitment to deliver equity and build an America in which all can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential.

Resources:

- [FACT SHEET: President Biden Signs Executive Order to Strengthen Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Across the Federal](#)

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- [Executive Order on Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through The Federal Government](#)
- www.whitehouse.gov/equity

ICYMI: HHS COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Transition Briefing

On Monday, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced their plan for the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19, declared under Section 319 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, to expire at the end of the day on May 11, 2023. HHS' response to the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, remains a public health priority. Thanks to the Administration's whole of government approach to combatting the virus, the country is in a better place than we were three years ago. The agency is now comfortable with transitioning away from the emergency phase.

Resources:

- [FACT SHEET: Additional areas of research that address the Executive Order](#)
- [Recording of HHS COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Transition Briefing](#)

FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Deploys Additional Federal Resources to East Palestine, Ohio

The Biden-Harris Administration has mobilized a robust, multi-agency effort to support the people of East Palestine, Ohio. Within hours of the Norfolk Southern train derailment, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) deployed a team to East Palestine to support state and local emergency and environmental response efforts. The Department of Transportation (DOT) also arrived on scene to investigate what led to the derailment. The

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been closely coordinating with the emergency operations center, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, and Federal partners.

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HHS Secretary Responds to the President's Executive Order on Drug Prices

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has selected three new models for testing by the CMS Innovation Center to help lower the high cost of drugs, promote accessibility to life-changing drug therapies, and improve quality of care. The Secretary released a report describing these three models to respond to President Biden's Executive Order 14087, "Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for Americans," which complements the historic provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA) that will lower prescription drug costs.

Resources:

- [FACT SHEET: Additional areas of research that address the Executive Order](#)
- [A Report in Response to the Executive Order on Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for Americans](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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Sent: 2/21/2023 7:49:03 PM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
CC: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: budget

Thanks, enjoy the week!

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure (she/her/hers)
CMS Administrator



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From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:37 PM
To: (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: budget

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From: (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 12:58 PM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: budget

Hi Christen –

Just wanted to circle back and see if there is an update on EOP comms planning things for HHS/CMS around the budget—I'm going to get our team starting to them about that this week if not.

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure (she/her/hers)
CMS Administrator



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Message

From: Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 1/19/2023 8:53:20 PM
To: (b)(6); Administrator (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
CC: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: FW: FW: Invite to speak at BHM panel at the WH

From: Harris, Will (CMS/OA) <William.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 9:56 AM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Invite to speak at BHM panel at the WH

I didn't want to send this into the speaking requests process right away since it's an internal EOP request. How do y'all want to handle this?

From: Millones, Vanessa V. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 5:14 PM
To: Brooks-LaSure, Chiquita (CMS/OA) <Chiquita.Brooks-LaSure@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Guerrero, Bertha (HHS/IOS) <Bertha.Guerrero@hhs.gov>
Subject: Invite to speak at BHM panel at the WH

Good evening Administrator,

My name is Vanessa Millones and I lead a team on leadership development and appointee engagement in PPO. Part of my portfolio includes putting together panel discussions for appointees. These panels are intended to provide folks a chance to hear from leaders in the Admin, learn about their background and get the opportunity to ask questions. It's of course also a great opportunity to connect folks with one another to build community.

As we are approaching Black History Month, I thought it would be particularly interesting to put together an *in-person* panel in the EEOB of Black female leaders in the Admin, such as yourself. If interested in participating, my team and I would be happy to work with your team on scheduling and general logistics.

For your awareness, I plan on asking the following leaders to also join as panelists: Marcia Bernicat, Ventris Gibson and Shalanda Baker. The moderator will likely be a junior staffer at the WH.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for considering,
Vanessa

Vanessa Millones (she/her)
Special Assistant to the President for Leadership Development & Appointee Engagement
Office of Presidential Personnel | The White House

Message

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)

Sent: 2/23/2023 9:40:22 PM

To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)

(b)(6)
Subject: Automatic reply: Automatic reply: MFP Drug + Inflation Rebate

I am out of the office through Saturday February 25, and will be checking email periodically. If you need immediate assistance, contact (b)(6)

Thanks,
Christen

Message

From: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 4/26/2023 7:13:24 PM
To: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Tsai, Daniel
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
CC: (b)(6)
Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS)
(b)(6)
Subject: Re: Re: Invite to Medicaid Improvements Meeting at HHS

Gotcha, thanks that's helpful clarification. As long as you are ok with Andres, Anne Marie, and Christen taking it then let's keep and divide/conquer.

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From: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 3:11:02 PM
To: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Invite to Medicaid Improvements Meeting at HHS

Krista, I am also speaking at the same event as dan- so I think move forward, but flagging that it will just be you all with Christen- flagging for Andres to join. Also, we invited Christen to the HHS event, but I guess to difficult to find a new time.

From: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 12:46 PM
To: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Invite to Medicaid Improvements Meeting at HHS

We are planning to keep it – Anne Marie from CMCS and Christen from DPC will be on as well. Dan and Jessica will need to skip. There are a few items that can't wait a week, per Anne Marie.

Does this work for you?
Krista

From: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 12:28 PM
To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Invite to Medicaid Improvements Meeting at HHS

Do we need to pull down this meeting?

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From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 12:14:28 PM

To: Cross-Call, Jesse (OS/IEA) <Jesse.Cross-call@hhs.gov>; (b)(6)
Cc: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Invite to Medicaid Improvements Meeting at HHS

Thanks, Jesse – we have a conflict with the (b)(5) meeting at 4pm, but we'll be there in spirit!

From: Cross-Call, Jesse (OS/IEA) <Jesse.Cross-call@hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 11:55 AM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6); Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO
(b)(6)
Cc: Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Invite to Medicaid Improvements Meeting at HHS

Hi Christen and Jessica-

Flagging this gathering we are hosting tomorrow to celebrate the release of the Medicaid NPRMs. Would love it if you could join. I've attached the current RSVP list so you can see who will be attending (we expect the list to grow through today).

Jesse

From: Cross-Call, Jesse (OS/IEA) <Jesse.Cross-call@hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 12:57 PM
To: Cross-Call, Jesse (OS/IEA) <Jesse.Cross-call@hhs.gov>
Subject: Invite to Medicaid Improvements Meeting at HHS

Hello-

On behalf of HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, we would like to invite you to an announcement and celebration of important improvements to the Medicaid and CHIP programs on **Thursday, April 27 from 4 pm – 5 pm** at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building in Washington, DC.

Under the leadership of President Biden, Secretary Becerra, and Administrator Brooks-LaSure, CMS is advancing important initiatives to expand health care coverage and access to care, advance equity, and make the health care system more transparent for all Americans. HHS and CMS leadership is excited to see you in person to discuss this work and thank you for your efforts on behalf of the Medicaid and CHIP programs. Refreshments will be served!

To RSVP, please click [here](#) by Wednesday at 5 pm.

Thank you for everything you do. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

When: April 27, 2023
Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM ET
Where: Hubert H. Humphrey Building
200 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20201
RSVP: Please [RSVP](#) by Wednesday, April 26 as space is limited

Jesse Cross-Call (he/his/him)
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Message

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: 4/27/2023 11:11:25 AM
To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Thurs

Sounds good and sorry to miss you!

From: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 7:04 AM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Thurs

Hi thanks - I actually had to reschedule Topher given the press call this morning, so I'll be over at Humphrey. I'll ping to see if I can catch you in person next time!
Thanks

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 5:59:05 AM
To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Thurs

(Also, going to send you an EOP complex wifi password for today, in case helpful!)

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 5:58 AM
To: 'Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS)' <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Thurs

I'm so sorry for missing this! Yes, I can do like 9:15-9:30 this morning if that still works? EEOB 192A; Jessica can point you in the right direction!

From: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 8:31 AM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: Thurs

Hi Christen – any chance you have some time Thurs morning for me to say hi and catch up briefly in person?

I'll be having breakfast with Jessica in the morning and I've got Topher in his office 10-10:45a. If you have a little time shortly before 10a or between 10:45-11:30a I'd love to stop by (then off to meet with Ken Choe et al...)

Thanks
-Dan

Message

From: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 5/4/2023 12:55:38 PM
To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Costello, Anne Marie
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Vitolo, Sara
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
CC: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: FW: FW: assisted living evictions

FYI – Jessica Schubel asked me to add (b)(5) to the DPC agenda for Friday, per the below thread. Do we want to include any other team members for this part of the discussion? I can raise in tag this AM too.

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 5:04 PM
To: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: assisted living evictions

Can you please add this to Friday's agenda? Thanks!

From: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 2:21 PM
To: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6) Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: assisted living evictions

Yes – thanks for noting again

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 2:06 PM
To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6) Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS)
<Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: assisted living evictions

Dan – any chance we could get an update on this at tomorrow's meeting?

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:29 AM
To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: assisted living evictions

Thanks for the quick reply!

On the second point, I totally appreciate (b)(5)
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(b)(5) I don't think you are saying otherwise, but want to confirm?

On the first (b)(5)

(b)(5)

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Thank you again and look forward to thoughts from the team!

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

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:18 AM

To: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Cc: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: RE: assisted living evictions

Hi – thanks for noting

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I'm checking with the team for a bit more detail to make sure I have this all right.

Let me know if helpful to discuss live, or if helpful to suggest any other things here

Thanks

From: Young, Christen Linke L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 9:32 AM

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

Cc: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: assisted living evictions

Dan—

As you've probably seen, there has recently been some high profile attention to evictions from assisted living facilities. E.g. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2023/04/06/seniors-assisted-living-medicaid-eviction/>.

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Thanks!
Christen

Message

From: Bonelli, Anna (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 1/17/2023 6:03:27 PM
To: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
CC: Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS)
(b)(6); Arguello, Andres
(OS/IOS) (b)(6); Briskin, Perrie
(CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS)
(b)(6); Costello, Anne Marie
(CMS/CMCS) (b)(6); Harris, Monica
(CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Agenda and materials for 1/18 meeting on Medicaid Unwinding

Understood. Thanks, Jessica.

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 12:50 PM
To: Bonelli, Anna (CMS/CMCS) <Anna.Bonelli@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Harris, Monica (CMS/CMCS) <Monica.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Agenda and materials for 1/18 meeting on Medicaid Unwinding

Great, thanks – Mikaela will attach to the invite.

Also, Christen and I will want to spend the bulk of the time on the (b)(5)
(b)(5)

From: Bonelli, Anna (CMS/CMCS) <Anna.Bonelli@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 12:36 PM
To: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Harris, Monica (CMS/CMCS) <Monica.Harris@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Agenda and materials for 1/18 meeting on Medicaid Unwinding

Hi Jessica,
I'm sending you the briefing slides and an agenda for the discussion tomorrow at 5:00 on Medicaid Unwinding.

Agenda

- CAA, 2023 Unwinding Provisions
- Comprehensive Data Monitoring Strategy for COVID-19 Continuous Enrollment Condition Unwinding
- Appendix: Next Steps for CMS

Please let me know if you have any feedback or need anything else. Thanks!
anna

Anna Bonelli | Senior Policy Advisor | CMS/CMCS | (b)(6) | anna.bonelli@cms.hhs.gov

Message

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: 5/4/2023 6:19:47 PM
To: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Gerwin, Mikaela D.
EOP/WHO (b)(6) Latkowski, Tom C. EOP/WHO (Intern)
(b)(6)
CC: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Costello, Anne Marie
(CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Vitolo, Sara
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(b)(6) Briskin, Perrie
(CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Katch (she/her), Hannah
(CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Pryor, Rachel
(HHS/OS/IOS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Arguello, Andres
(OS/IOS) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: DPC / CMCS Agenda - 5/5

Great, thanks...and yes, I know...it's been a busy couple of weeks so I will admit that I haven't read all the briefs. ☺

From: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 2:01 PM
To: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO
(b)(6) Latkowski, Tom C. EOP/WHO (Intern) (b)(6)
Cc: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Vitolo, Sara (CMS/CMCS) <Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: DPC / CMCS Agenda - 5/5

Hi Jessica,

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As an FYI, these are (b)(5)
(b)(5)

Best,
Krista

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>; Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO
(b)(6) Latkowski, Tom C. EOP/WHO (Intern) (b)(6)
Cc: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Vitolo, Sara (CMS/CMCS) <Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel

(HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: DPC / CMCS Agenda - 4/21

Thanks – on the (b)(5) I'm not sure we'll have time to look at all of the docs. Is there one or two Christen and I should focus on?

From: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 10:47 AM

To: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6) Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO

(b)(6) Latkowski, Tom C. EOP/WHO (Intern); (b)(6)

Cc: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS)

<AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Vitolo, Sara (CMS/CMCS) <Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS)

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(HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: DPC / CMCS Agenda - 4/21

Hi Jessica, Mikaela, and Tom,

Please find our agenda for tomorrow's DPC / CMCS Biweekly Check-In below, along with a few attachments for discussion. I will send a list of upcoming CMCS Rollouts shortly.

(b)(5)

Best,
Krista

From: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS)

Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:07 PM

To: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6) Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO

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Cc: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS)

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Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Arguello,

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

Subject: DPC / CMCS Agenda - 4/21

Hi Jessica and Mikaela,

Please find our agenda for tomorrow's DPC / CMCS Biweekly Check-In below, along with a few attachments for discussion. I will also send a list of upcoming CMCS Rollouts shortly.

(b)(5)

Best,

Krista

From: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS)

Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 3:42 PM

To: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6) Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO

(b)(6)

Cc: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS)

<AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Vitolo, Sara (CMS/CMCS) <Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS)

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Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Arguello,

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

Subject: RE: DPC / CMCS Agenda - 3/24

Sounds great – and thanks for the heads up.

Best,

Krista

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 3:41 PM

To: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>; Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO

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Cc: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS)

<AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Vitolo, Sara (CMS/CMCS) <Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov>; Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS)

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Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Arguello,

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

Subject: RE: DPC / CMCS Agenda - 3/24

Thanks – we'd like to discuss (b)(5) so will attach the agenda as follows.

(b)(5)

From: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 3:34 PM

To: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6) Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO

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Cc: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS)

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

Subject: RE: DPC / CMCS Agenda - 3/24

Hi Jessica and Mikaela,

Please find our agenda for tomorrow's DPC / CMCS Biweekly Check-In below, along with a couple of attachments for discussion. I will also send a list of upcoming CMCS rollouts shortly.

(b)(5)

From: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS)

Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 11:09 AM

To: 'Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO' (b)(6) 'Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO'

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Cc: 'Daniel Tsai (CMS/OA) (daniel.tsai@cms.hhs.gov)' <daniel.tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; 'annemarie.costello@cms.hhs.gov' <annemarie.costello@cms.hhs.gov>; 'Sara Vitolo (CMS/FCHCO) (Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov)' <Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov>; 'Perrie Briskin (CMS/OA) (perrie.briskin@cms.hhs.gov)' <perrie.briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; McClenathan, Jane (CMS/CMCS) <Jane.McClenathan@cms.hhs.gov>; Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: DPC / CMCS Agenda - 3/24

Hi Jessica –

Happy Friday! Below are CMCS rollouts for the week of 4/3.

CMCS Rollouts: Week of 4/3

No press release unless noted.

Week of 4/3

(b)(5)

Next Two Weeks

(b)(5)

Next Three Months (Apr-Jun)

These are only the high profile rollouts. The timeframes are estimates. No press release unless noted.

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From: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS)

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 3:55 PM

To: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6); Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO

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Cc: 'Daniel Tsai (CMS/OA) (daniel.tsai@cms.hhs.gov)' <daniel.tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; 'annemarie.costello@cms.hhs.gov' <annemarie.costello@cms.hhs.gov>; 'Sara Vitolo (CMS/FCHCO) (Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov)' <Sara.Vitolo@cms.hhs.gov>; 'Perrie Briskin (CMS/OA) (perrie.briskin@cms.hhs.gov)' <perrie.briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; McClenathan, Jane (CMS/CMCS) <Jane.McClenathan@cms.hhs.gov>; Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel

(HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: DPC / CMCS Agenda - 3/24

Apologies, one edit below -

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Best,
Krista

From: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS)

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 2:41 PM

To: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO

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Subject: DPC / CMCS Agenda - 3/24

Hi all,

Mikaela already added the agenda to the invite for tomorrow (thank you!), but I wanted to make sure this broader group saw as well. Also adding the CMCS Rollouts for the week of 3/27 below. We look forward to discussing tomorrow!

DPC / CMCS Agenda - 3/24

(b)(5)

CMCS Rollouts: Week of 3/27

No press release unless noted.

Week of 3/27

(b)(5)

Next Two Weeks

(b)(5)

Next Three Months (Apr-Jun)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Krista (Vrabel) Hebert

Special Policy Assistant, Office of the Center Director

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services (CMCS)

Cell **(b)(6)**

Message

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 2/27/2023 5:25:42 PM
To: Murray, Tara EOP/WHO (b)(6); Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Lynk, Florence E [Florence.E.Lynk@hud.gov]; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
CC: Millones, Vanessa V. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO (b)(6); Finkelstein, Jordan G. EOP/WHO
(b)(6); Ziskend, Herbie M. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Citron,
Jamie R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Bauer, Katherine E. EOP/WHO
(b)(6); Kim, Eunjung J. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

@Millones, Vanessa V. EOP/WHO Bumping this note for you. Given the timeline here, please let us know as soon as you can whether or not the Administrator can attend this event and any additional details about the event. If it's easier to hop on the phone, please feel free to give me a call at (b)(6)

Thanks,
Eden

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 11:07 AM
To: Murray, Tara EOP/WHO (b)(6); Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Lynk, Florence E <Florence.E.Lynk@hud.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO (b)(6); Finkelstein, Jordan G. EOP/WHO
(b)(6); Ziskend, Herbie M. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Citron,
Jamie R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Bauer, Katherine E. EOP/WHO
(b)(6); Kim, Eunjung J. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Millones, Vanessa V.
EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

Thank you, Erika and Tara. Vanessa, please let us know if we can be helpful as you process this request—many thanks to all for your help here.

From: Murray, Tara EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 11:05 AM
To: Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>;
Lynk, Florence E <Florence.E.Lynk@hud.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO (b)(6); Finkelstein, Jordan G. EOP/WHO
(b)(6); Ziskend, Herbie M. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Citron,
Jamie R. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Bauer, Katherine E. EOP/WHO
(b)(6); Kim, Eunjung J. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Millones, Vanessa V.
EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

Hi team,

PPO who handles these invitations for appointees is tracking and is working to get an invitation extended to CMS Administrator Brooks-LaSure. I'm copying my PPO colleague Vanessa Millones who is working on this request.

Thank you!
Tara

From: Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 11:02 AM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>; Lynk, Florence E <Florence.E.Lynk@hud.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
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Subject: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

Hi All- Thanks for reaching out. Copying my colleagues who can help with this request.

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 10:55 AM
To: Lynk, Florence E <Florence.E.Lynk@hud.gov>; Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception
Importance: High

Beth, thank you so much. So much gratitude for your help here.

Erika – First and foremost, thank you so much for considering this request in the final hour. Please let us know if the Administrator can attend this event. As well as provide event details (time etc.) Additionally, what, if any, COVID-19 testing requirements are required for attendance?

If it's easier to talk via phone, I'm more than happy to give you a call, or feel free to call me at (b)(6)

From: Lynk, Florence E <Florence.E.Lynk@hud.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 10:45 AM
To: Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: CMS Administrator/ 2-27 BHM Reception

Hi Erica,

Thanks so much for taking my call.

Reaching out and cc-ing CMS' Office of the Administrator to inquire about an invitation for the CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure to today's Black History Month reception.

As you know, the Administrator is the highest ranking Black official at HHS.

Thank you so much!
Beth

Message

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 2/27/2023 7:52:11 PM
To: James, Maya C. EOP/WHO; (b)(6) Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO
(b)(6); Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
(she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: BHM Event - Administrator Brooks-LaSure

No problem. Thanks! Looped in Kyla and Erin on that chain as well. We will let you know when the form has been filled out.

From: James, Maya C. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 2:47 PM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>; Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA)
<Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: BHM Event - Administrator Brooks-LaSure

Hi Eden,

Just sent! Apologies for the delay, I had thought it sent but I was having connectivity issues.

It should be in your inbox now and I will send it to Secret Service for approval the moment it is filled out.

All the best,
Maya

Maya C. James (she/her)
Special Assistant to Cabinet Affairs | The White House
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Have a lovely day!

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 2:29 PM
To: Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO (b)(6); Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA)
<Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; James, Maya C.
EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: RE: BHM Event - Administrator Brooks-LaSure

@James, Maya C. EOP/WHO Please send along the WAVES form at your earliest convenience, so we have it filled out on time for the Administrator's arrival at EOP. Thanks in advance for your help here.

@Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO I will send the Administrator your contact information and inform her to call you when she is 5 minutes out to be greeted and escorted to the COVID testing site, followed by the event. Thanks again for your help here.

Thanks for both of your help here.

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/)

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 2:06 PM

To: Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO (b)(6) Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>

Cc: James, Maya C. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: RE: BHM Event - Administrator Brooks-LaSure

Thanks so much, Sanam. I will share your number with her @Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO and let her know to call you and that you will greet her upon her arrival.

Looping in @Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) @Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) for awareness on our end. Thank you again for all of your help here.

Thanks again,
Eden

From: Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 1:48 PM

To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>

Cc: James, Maya C. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: BHM Event - Administrator Brooks-LaSure

Hi Eden,

Connecting you with my colleague Maya who will provide a WAVES link for the Administrator's access to campus. The Administrator should arrive from the entrance at 17th Street and State Place NW. She is welcome to call me upon arrival or when she is en route and I can greet her after security and take her to COVID testing. We kindly request arrival NLT than 4:25pm so that she has enough time for her test to clear before moving to the event. If she wishes to arrive a few minutes earlier please let me know.

Thank you!
Sanam

Message

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 2/27/2023 7:54:23 PM
To: James, Maya C. EOP/WHO; (b)(6); Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO
(b)(6); Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Richardson
(she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
CC: Walker, Serena E. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: BHM Event - Administrator Brooks-LaSure

@James, Maya C. EOP/WHO the Waves form has been submitted. Please confirm receipt of this note. Thank you!

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 2:51 PM
To: James, Maya C. EOP/WHO; (b)(6); Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO
(b)(6); Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Walker, Serena E. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: BHM Event - Administrator Brooks-LaSure

Thank you! Adding my colleague @Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) and @Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) for awareness.

Kyla – please see the waves link below.

From: James, Maya C. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 2:46 PM
To: Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO; (b)(6); Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Walker, Serena E. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: BHM Event - Administrator Brooks-LaSure
Importance: High

Hi Eden,

Good afternoon! Apologies, I thought I had already hit send on this.

Here is a WAVES for you: (b)(6)

Maya C. James (she/her)
Special Assistant to Cabinet Affairs | The White House
Cell: (b)(6) *does not receive text messages*

Have a lovely day!

From: Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 1:48 PM
To: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: James, Maya C. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Subject: BHM Event - Administrator Brooks-LaSure

Hi Eden,

Connecting you with my colleague Maya who will provide a WAVES link for the Administrator's access to campus. The Administrator should arrive from the entrance at 17th Street and State Place NW. She is welcome to call me upon arrival or when she is en route and I can greet her after security and take her to COVID testing. We kindly request arrival NLT than 4:25pm so that she has enough time for her test to clear before moving to the event. If she wishes to arrive a few minutes earlier please let me know.

Thank you!

Sanam

Message

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 2/27/2023 8:20:56 PM
To: James, Maya C. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO
(b)(6)
CC: Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Richardson (she/her), Erin
(CMS/OA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: WAVES APPOINTMENT STATUS (b)(6)

Thank you so much!

From: James, Maya C. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 3:11 PM
To: Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>; Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: WAVES APPOINTMENT STATUS (b)(6)

Approved!

Maya C. James (she/her)
Special Assistant to Cabinet Affairs | The White House
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Have a lovely day!

From: WavesRequest@usss.dhs.gov <WavesRequest@usss.dhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 3:03 PM
To: James, Maya C. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: WAVES APPOINTMENT STATUS (b)(6)

WAVES APPOINTMENT STATUS

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Message

From: James, Maya C. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: 2/27/2023 11:50:56 PM
To: (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
CC: Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO; (b)(6) Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Ellis (she/her), Kyla
(CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Re: Re: WH EOP Black History Month Event Happening Today: Arrival instructions & connecting you to site greeter/escort

Not a problem!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2023, at 6:49 PM, (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA); (b)(6) wrote:

Thank you! Maya I will come down shortly— everything started later than expected

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From: Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 5:09:52 PM
To: (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
Cc: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>; James, Maya C. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Subject: Re: WH EOP Black History Month Event Happening Today: Arrival instructions & connecting you to site greeter/escort

Administrator,

Maya cc'd has your coat. She will be ready with it at 6:45p when she comes back for all departures but please call or email if you are departing sooner: (b)(6)

Thank you!
Sanam

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2023, at 3:56 PM, (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA); (b)(6) wrote:

Thanks— will be calling shortly from (b)(6)

Many thanks

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From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 3:14:40 PM

To: (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA) (b)(6)

Cc: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Rastegar, Sanam EOP/WHO: (b)(6) Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) <Kyla.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov>

Subject: WH EOP Black History Month Event Happening Today: Arrival instructions & connecting you to site greeter/escort

Administrator –

You are confirmed to join POTUS and the First Lady for the White House Black History Month event. Please see arrival instructions below. Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Arrival Instructions: You should arrive at the EEOB entrance at 17th Street and State Place NW.

- Five minutes from arrival, please call **Sanam Rastegar** at (b)(6) (b)(6) (copied on this note). Sanam will greet and escort you for your COVID test and to the event site at EEOB once you go through security.
 - *My recommendation is to call her five minutes and once you arrive.*
- Cab Affairs requests that you arrive **no later than 4:20 pm** to have enough time to get tested and be cleared before moving to the event.

Sanam – please feel free to chime in here if I've missed anything.

Thanks again,
Eden

Eden Tesfaye
Advisor, External Affairs
CMS Office of the Administrator
(b)(6)

Message

From: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 5/8/2023 1:40:48 PM
To: Beronio, Kirsten (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6); Briskin, Perrie
(CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS)
Subject: RE: RE: Medicaid MHPAEA Follow-up

Added to the agenda – will follow-up later today!

From: Beronio, Kirsten (CMS/CMCS) <Kirsten.Beronio1@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 9:39 PM
To: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Medicaid MHPAEA Follow-up

Sure.

Kirsten Beronio, JD
Senior Policy Advisor
Center for Medicaid And CHIP Services
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Kirsten.beronio1@cms.hhs.gov
(b)(6)

From: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 5:18 PM
To: Beronio, Kirsten (CMS/CMCS) <Kirsten.Beronio1@cms.hhs.gov>; Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Medicaid MHPAEA Follow-up

Hi Kirsten,

Before a meeting is set up, we would like to raise with Rachel on our Monday check-in with her. Can you hold on replying until we chat with Rachel (our meeting is at 3:30p on Monday)?

+ Krista to put this on the Rachel agenda.

Thank you!

Best,
Perrie

From: Beronio, Kirsten (CMS/CMCS) <Kirsten.Beronio1@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 2:33 PM
To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>

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

Subject: FW: Medicaid MHPAEA Follow-up

Please let me know how you recommend I respond to this request below.

Kirsten Beronio, JD
Senior Policy Advisor
Center for Medicaid And CHIP Services
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Kirsten.beronio1@cms.hhs.gov

(b)(6)

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 2:15 PM

To: Beronio, Kirsten (CMS/CMCS) <Kirsten.Beronio1@cms.hhs.gov>

Cc: Ho Jay, Lorelei S. EOP/WHO (Intern) (b)(6)

Subject: Medicaid MHPAEA Follow-up

Hi, Kirsten – hope you’re doing well. I wanted to follow-up with you on some Medicaid MHPAEA work Rory (one of the DPC interns) and I have been doing on state Medicaid MHPAEA efforts. This is in follow-up to our conversation earlier this year (maybe in February?!?) on MHPAEA. Can you let us know your availability next week? I think 30 minutes would be sufficient, and obviously, happy to have whoever else at CMCS on the call as well. Alternatively, Rory can send you some dates/times that work for us and we can go that route.

Best,
Jessica

Jessica Schubel
Special Assistant to the President for Health Care
Domestic Policy Council

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Message

From: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 5/8/2023 4:06:17 PM
To: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
CC: Sills, Sara R. EOP/OMB (b)(6); Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Costello, Anne Marie
(CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Hebert, Krista
(CMS/CMCS) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Katch (she/her),
Hannah (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Arguello, Andres
(OS/IOS) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: FYI - End of PHE CIB for 5/8 Release

Thank you so much!

From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 11:54 AM
To: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Sills, Sara R. EOP/OMB (b)(6); Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>; Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: FYI - End of PHE CIB for 5/8 Release

Sorry! I meant to email to say both Sara and I are good!

On May 8, 2023, at 11:52 AM, Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov> wrote:

Hi Sara,

Did you have a chance to review? This is on (b)(5) We then (b)(5)
(b)(5)

Best,
Perrie

From: Sills, Sara R. EOP/OMB (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 4:39 PM
To: Briskin, Perrie (CMS/CMCS) <Perrie.Briskin@cms.hhs.gov>; Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>; Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA)

<Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: FYI - End of PHE CIB for 5/8 Release

Thanks. Will take a look.

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

Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 4:33 PM

To: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO; (b)(6) Sills, Sara R. EOP/OMB

(b)(6)

Cc: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS) <Daniel.Tsai@cms.hhs.gov>; Pryor, Rachel (HHS/OS/IOS) <Rachel.Pryor@hhs.gov>; Costello, Anne Marie (CMS/CMCS) <AnneMarie.Costello@cms.hhs.gov>; Hebert, Krista (CMS/CMCS) <krista.hebert@cms.hhs.gov>; Katch (she/her), Hannah (CMS/OA) <Hannah.Katch@cms.hhs.gov>; Arguello, Andres (OS/IOS) <Andres.Arguello@hhs.gov>

Subject: FYI - End of PHE CIB for 5/8 Release

Hi Jessica and Sara,

See attached the final draft of the end of the PHE CIB that we are planning to release on Monday.

It has been cleared by OGC. It covers the impact of the end of the PHE and National emergency on ARP coverage requirements and 1135 waivers. It does not have any new policy. It does not focus on unwinding.

Let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Best,
Perrie

Perrie Briskin

Senior Advisor, Office of the Center Director
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS)

Cell: (b)(6)

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From: Schubel, Jessica L. EOP/WHO: (b)(6)
Sent: 1/19/2023 3:47:28 PM
To: Tsai, Daniel (CMS/CMCS); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: can you call me when you have a second?

Jessica Schubel
Special Assistant to the President for Health Care
Domestic Policy Council

(b)(6)
Cell: (b)(6)

Message

From: Panigrahi, Shreeya G. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: 1/20/2023 4:33:11 AM
To: Thompson, Diane (CFPB) [Diane.Thompson@cfpb.gov]
CC: (b)(6)@treasury.gov; Sahaf, Sophie (CFPB) [Sophia.Sahaf@cfpb.gov]; Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
Jonathan.Moore@hhs.gov; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Thomas.West2@treasury.gov; Krishna.Vallabhaneni@treasury.gov; Mahoney, Neale A. EOP/WHO
(b)(6); Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Re: EOP/UST/CFPB/HHS Conversation around (b)(5)

Thank you all for the quick turn — connected with HHS as well, and we'll send out an invite for 1p on Tuesday. We will follow up with materials.

Thanks!

On Jan 19, 2023, at 5:07 PM, Thompson, Diane (CFPB) <Diane.Thompson@cfpb.gov> wrote:

CFPB can also make 1-1:30 on Tuesday.

Diane Thompson (she/her/ hers)
Senior Advisor | Office of the Director
Office: (b)(6)
Mobile: (b)(6)
Diane.Thompson@cfpb.gov

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Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 4:28 PM
To: (b)(6) Sahaf, Sophie (CFPB) <Sophia.Sahaf@cfpb.gov>;
Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov; Thompson, Diane (CFPB) <Diane.Thompson@cfpb.gov>;
Jonathan.Moore@hhs.gov; Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov; Thomas.West2@treasury.gov;
Krishna.Vallabhaneni@treasury.gov
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: EOP/UST/CFPB/HHS Conversation around (b)(5)

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Good afternoon, it looks like 1-1:30 works for Treasury.

Thank you!
Best,

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(b)(6)

From: Panigrahi, Shreeya G. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Date: January 19, 2023 at 2:59:49 PM EST
To: 'Sahaf, Sophie (CFPB)' <Sophia.Sahaf@cfpb.gov>, 'Yao, Kristiana (CMS/OA)' <Kristiana.Yao1@cms.hhs.gov>, Thompson, Diane (CFPB) <Diane.Thompson@cfpb.gov>, Jonathan Moore <Jonathan.Moore@hhs.gov>, Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>, West, Thomas <Thomas.West2@treasury.gov>, (b)(6)@treasury.gov, Vallabhaneni, Krishna <Krishna.Vallabhaneni@treasury.gov>
Cc: Mahoney, Neale (b)(6) Gerwin, Mikaela D. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: EOP/UST/CFPB/HHS Conversation around (b)(5)

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Hello everyone,

Hope you're doing well! I am reaching out as DPC and NEC are (b)(5) (b)(5) and are hoping to convene a meeting early next week to discuss this. The below windows work for EOP Deputies and staff. Could each agency advise on their availability?

Tuesday, January 24

1. 11-11:30 am
2. 1-1:30p
3. 2:30-3:30p (30 min)

From there, we will send out an invite and materials. Please let us know if you have any questions; thank you very much!

Best,
Shreeya

Shreeya Panigrahi
Associate Director for Health & Veterans Affairs
Domestic Policy Council

(b)(6)

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From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/); (b)(6)
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Sent: 3/1/2023 8:19:07 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Ellis (she/her), Kyla
(CMS/OA); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
CC: Alexander, Bruce (CMS/OC); (b)(6)
(b)(6) Lonardo, Sara (CMS/OC)
(b)(6)
Subject: FW: FW: White House Insulin Call Tomorrow

FYI this request came in.

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/)
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 3:19 PM
To: Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO; (b)(6) Alexander, Bruce (CMS/OC)
<Bruce.Alexander@cms.hhs.gov>; Lonardo, Sara (CMS/OC) <sara.lonardo@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Perez Fernandez, Luisana C. EOP/WHO; (b)(6) Dorsey, Rykia G. EOP/WHO
(b)(6) Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: White House Insulin Call Tomorrow

Thanks for flagging this for us, Erica. What time would the call be? We can see if her schedule can accommodate this request and get back to you. Thanks!

From: Loewe, Erica P. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 3:17 PM
To: Alexander, Bruce (CMS/OC) <Bruce.Alexander@cms.hhs.gov>; Lonardo, Sara (CMS/OC)
<sara.lonardo@cms.hhs.gov>; Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Cc: Perez Fernandez, Luisana C. EOP/WHO; (b)(6); Dorsey, Rykia G. EOP/WHO
(b)(6) Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO; (b)(6)
Subject: White House Insulin Call Tomorrow

Hi Team CMS – We are hosting a White House Regional + Coalitions Comms call on today's insulin announcement. Might the Administrator have availability tomorrow morning for 30 minutes to discuss the importance of this announcement and the President's ongoing efforts to ensure affordable insulin for all?

Please let us know. Would appreciate and welcome her participation. Thanks, as always.

Erica P. Loewe
Director of African American Media
The White House
P: (b)(6)
E: (b)(6)

Message

From: Toomey, Mary (CMS/OC) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Sent: 3/1/2023 10:02:51 PM
To: Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
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(b)(6) Alexander, Bruce
(CMS/OC) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Howden, Catherine
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(b)(6) Wagner, Rachel
(CMS/OC) (b)(6)
(b)(6) OToole, Meghan
(CMS/OA) (b)(6)
CC: Aldana, Karen (CMS/OC) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Lonardo, Sara (CMS/OC)
(b)(6)]; Schinderle, Elizabeth
(CMS/OC) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Richardson (she/her),
Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Shaham, Lauren
(CMS/OC) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Thomas, Jasmine
(CMS/OC) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: White House Insulin Call Tomorrow

Kyla – do you have those by chance? Catherine had an appointment and can't be reached right now.

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Director of African American Media

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I have no edits. I defer to Erin/Meghan and others for sign off.

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Hi, everyone,

Please see draft remarks attached. Please feel free to let me know any feedback.

Thanks!

Kathy

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Hi all. Kathy is working talkers now (cc'd here) and will send them to this string when they're ready so you can further edit.

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Hi All – closing the loop here. The Administrator has signed off on participating in this call. @Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) do you think there is need to schedule a prep session for the call? Or do the prep materials suffice?

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Some links that might be helpful:

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7 Things to Know About Medicare Insulin Costs: https://www.medicare.gov/media/publication/12172-7-things-to-know-about-medicare-insulin-costs.pdf?linkit_matcher=1

Insulin FAQs (probably too weedy for this): <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/frequently-asked-questions-medicare-part-d-insulin-benefit.pdf>

Statement from bill signing (8/16/22)

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/statements-cms-leadership-president-biden-signing-inflation-reduction-act-law>

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I've got some edits as well. Will add on top here.

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Hi All – Please find (b)(6) memo updated with the missing call logistics included. Thank you all for help with this fire drill!

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Kyla –

Added his statement and some additional information. Thanks!

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Hi all,

And one other quick follow-up (b)(6) knows this issue well, so no need for a formal prep. If we can get a packet to her tonight she'll look it over and has time reserved in the AM for practice before the call. Thank you all for your last minute work on this!

All the best,
Kyla

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Hi team,

I combined the remarks and talkers and made a few edits/suggestions. She will need to: (b)(5)
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(b)(5) Can we also: (b)(5)

All the best,
Kyla

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Thanks Kathy!

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Hi, everyone,

Please see draft remarks attached. Please feel free to let me know any feedback.

Thanks!

Kathy

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Also adding that Liz Schinderle is working on the pivot points.

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Hi all. Kathy is working talkers now (cc'd here) and will send them to this string when they're ready so you can further edit.

Thanks!

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Hi All – closing the loop here. The Administrator has signed off on participating in this call. @Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA) do you think there is need to schedule a prep session for the call? Or do the prep materials suffice?

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Liz Schinderle also shared this report.

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Some links that might be helpful:

Medicare.gov info on insulin costs: <https://www.medicare.gov/about-us/prescription-drug-law>

7 Things to Know About Medicare Insulin Costs: https://www.medicare.gov/media/publication/12172-7-things-to-know-about-medicare-insulin-costs.pdf?linkit_matcher=1

Insulin FAQs (probably too weedy for this): <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/frequently-asked-questions-medicare-part-d-insulin-benefit.pdf>

Statement from bill signing (8/16/22)

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/statements-cms-leadership-president-biden-signing-inflation-reduction-act-law>

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Thank you, Julie. Bumping Erin's note: (b)(5)
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And adding @Meghan OToole (CMS/OA) (meghan.otoole1@cms.hhs.gov) to the thread.

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Acknowledging. Circling with our team now.

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Importance: High

OC team –

Some updates here on the WH request for the regional/coalition press call tomorrow. They are asking the Administrator provide two minute remarks followed by participating in a Q&A. She will be the featured principal and will also be joined by Christen Linke Young (DPC) and Kate Berner (WH Comms). They would like (b)(5)

Julie and team – could you all work to draft remarks/pivot TPs for (b)(6)? White House is targeting 10:30am for the call. Thank you in advance for your help with this fire drill!

Please see their feedback to my questions below. Thanks again!

Who is the audience? (Assuming regional/coalition press?)

- a. Yes, Regional and Coalitions Press
2. How long is she expected to speak and will she be expected to answer questions from reporters?
 - a. 2 minute remarks followed by Q&A. She'll likely be joined by Christen Linke Young (DPC) and Kate Berner (WH Comms)
3. What other principals will be participating in the call?
 - a. She will be the featured principal.
4. Can y'all confirm that (b)(5)
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 - a. (b)(5)
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Team

Just notified by WH EOP of their request for (b)(6) to be a part of a Press call on Insulin Pricing. Checking on her availability, but need to start pulling TPs together for her engagement. Thanks.

Bruce

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Hi Team CMS – We are hosting a White House Regional + Coalitions Comms call on today's insulin announcement. Might the Administrator have availability tomorrow morning for 30 minutes to discuss the importance of this announcement and the President's ongoing efforts to ensure affordable insulin for all?

Please let us know. Would appreciate and welcome her participation. Thanks, as always.

Erica P. Loewe

Director of African American Media

The White House

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Message

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She's in the waiting room waiting to be let in. Thanks!

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Erica –

The Administrator will be logging on closer to 10:27am. Thanks!

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Thank you, Erica. Super helpful. We will do our best to get her on as close to 10:25am as possible. Thanks again!

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4. Can y'all confirm that (b)(5)
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Thanks for flagging this for us, Erica. What time would the call be? We can see if her schedule can accommodate this request and get back to you. Thanks!

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Hi Team CMS – We are hosting a White House Regional + Coalitions Comms call on today's insulin announcement. Might the Administrator have availability tomorrow morning for 30 minutes to discuss the importance of this announcement and the President's ongoing efforts to ensure affordable insulin for all?

Please let us know. Would appreciate and welcome her participation. Thanks, as always.

Erica P. Loewe

Director of African American Media

The White House

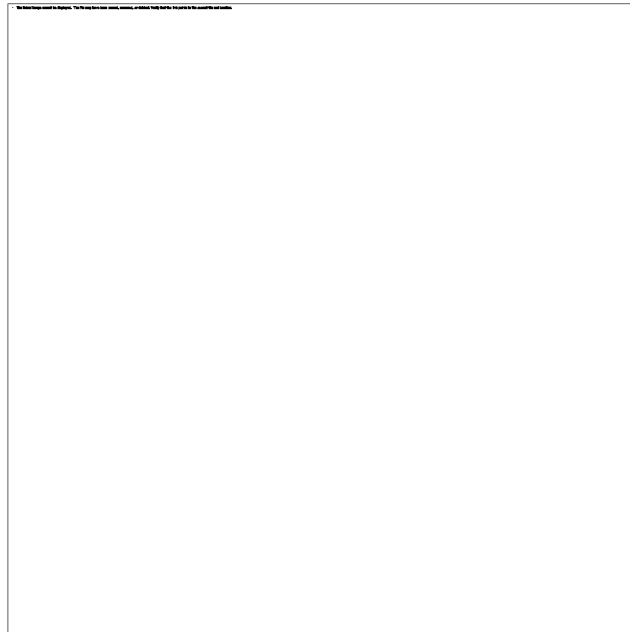
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Sent: 3/2/2023 8:26:45 PM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
Subject: Weekly Health Community Engagement Newsletter

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Health Community Updates
March 2, 2023

Please note our next White House Health Community Engagement Call will be rescheduled from Wednesday, March 8 to **Wednesday, March 15 at 2:30pm ET**. [You can RSVP here](#). On this call, we will be sharing highlights on the President's FY 2024 budget. Please invite colleagues and members of your community – all are welcome.

Statement from President Joe Biden On Action to Lower Insulin Costs

Today, Eli Lilly, the largest manufacturer of insulin in the United States, announced that they are lowering their prices, capping what patients pay out of pocket for the drug maker's insulin products at \$35. For far too long, American families have been crushed by drug costs many times higher than what people in other countries are charged for the same prescriptions. Insulin costs less than \$10 to make, but Americans are sometimes forced to pay over \$300 for it. It's flat wrong.

Last year, I signed a law to cap insulin at \$35 for seniors and I called on pharma companies to bring prices down for everyone on their own. Today, Eli Lilly did that.

It's a big deal, and it's time for other manufacturers to follow.

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A Proclamation on National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, 2023

During National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, we call attention to the second leading cause of cancer deaths in America — by sharing information about risk factors, promoting life-saving early screenings, and improving access to affordable treatment. In remembrance of every life cut short by this devastating disease, my Administration is determined to end cancer as we know it.

When a loved one is diagnosed with cancer, every minute counts. But patients can be overwhelmed by a flood of medical information, and they too often struggle to afford life-saving care. Our country needs to do more to help patients and families navigate the cancer care system. We need to learn from patients' experiences, and we need to share data and knowledge to help prevent other families from encountering the same obstacles to prevention and care. When it comes to colorectal cancer, we must also focus our efforts on those most likely to develop this disease, including Americans over the age of 45; Black Americans; people with a family history of colorectal cancer; and people who smoke, consume alcohol, or are obese.

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A Proclamation on American Red Cross Month, 2023

In the aftermath of the Civil War, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross. Its national headquarters, just a few blocks from the White House, was built as a memorial to the women of the Civil War. For nearly 142 years, the employees, volunteers, and supporters of the American Red Cross have met loss and disaster with compassion and care. They remind us that we must leave no one behind. This month, we celebrate the ordinary citizens who perform extraordinary acts of service, and we honor the Red Cross for its commitment to making our country and world a better place.

Across America, I have seen the work of the Red Cross firsthand. When hurricanes make landfall and floodwaters rise, the Red Cross is ready to provide food, shelter, and emergency supplies. When wildfires spread and tornadoes uproot communities, volunteers arrive from around the country to help survivors heal, recover, and rebuild. We have also turned to the American Red Cross to respond to crises overseas in the wake of natural disasters and in preparation for emergencies before they happen. The old saying is still true today: The Red Cross is always there.

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ICYMI: Readout of Vice President Harris' Meeting on Threats to Medication Abortion

On February 24, Vice President Kamala Harris convened a meeting at the White House with leading medical experts and reproductive rights leaders to discuss protecting reproductive health care. The Vice President addressed the importance of access to medication abortion, which is currently subject to litigation and accounts for more than half of all abortions in the United States—and is commonly used for miscarriage management.

During the meeting, the participants discussed the devastating impact of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* on women's health and how attacks on medication abortion exacerbate difficulties accessing care. They emphasized the long-standing safety and efficacy record of medication abortion and the need to safeguard access to this critical medication. Participants also discussed the chilling effect that state abortion restrictions are having on health care providers giving basic care to their patients.

The Vice President noted how attempts to undermine access to medication abortion not only threaten our public health system but also threaten fundamental freedoms. The participants discussed how challenges to the FDA's authority to determine the safety of drugs could undermine public confidence in the continued availability of other approved medications.

Throughout the conversation, the participants discussed the importance of coalition building in the fight for reproductive freedom. The Vice President thanked the participants for their dedication to providing reproductive care to patients and their leadership in fighting to protect the ability for people to make decisions about their own bodies.

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Ellis (she/her), Kyla (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
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Got it. Thanks!

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Thanks, Erica! We appreciate it. Following up on yesterday's press call to check in to see if there are any press hits from the call? And if not, we kindly ask that you send those are way when they get published. Thanks again for including the Administrator yesterday!

Thanks again,
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All – Thank you so much for including the Administrator on this call. In the future it would be super helpful for her prep to include any materials that were sent to reporters. We really look forward to continue to collaborate on these types of calls. We appreciate y'all.

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(b)(6); Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

Subject: RE: White House Insulin Call Tomorrow

1. Who is the audience? (Assuming regional/coalition press?)
 - a. Yes, Regional and Coalitions Press
2. How long is she expected to speak and will she be expected to answer questions from reporters?
 - a. 2 minute remarks followed by Q&A. She'll likely be joined by Christen Linke Young (DPC) and Kate Berner (WH Comms)
3. What other principals will be participating in the call?
 - a. She will be the featured principal.
4. Can y'all confirm that the expectation is that her remarks will be focused on (b)(5)
 - a. Yes. (b)(5)

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Subject: RE: White House Insulin Call Tomorrow

Erica –

Before we present this to the Administrator for consideration we have a couple of questions we need clarity on:

1. Who is the audience? (Assuming regional/coalition press?)
2. How long is she expected to speak and will she be expected to answer questions from reporters?
3. What other principals will be participating in the call?
4. Can y'all confirm that the expectation is that her remarks will be focused on (b)(5)
(b)(5)

Once we get these questions answered we can run this engagement by her and get back to you with an answer.

Thanks,
Eden

From: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/)
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Subject: RE: White House Insulin Call Tomorrow

Thanks for flagging this for us, Erica. What time would the call be? We can see if her schedule can accommodate this request and get back to you. Thanks!

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(b)(6); Munoz, Kevin A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: White House Insulin Call Tomorrow

Hi Team CMS – We are hosting a White House Regional + Coalitions Comms call on today's insulin announcement. Might the Administrator have availability tomorrow morning for 30 minutes to discuss the importance of this announcement and the President's ongoing efforts to ensure affordable insulin for all?

Please let us know. Would appreciate and welcome her participation. Thanks, as always.

Erica P. Loewe
Director of African American Media
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Message

From: Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: 1/20/2023 5:10:49 PM
To: Martin, Kristi (CMS/CM) (b)(6)
CC: OToole, Meghan (CMS/OA) (b)(6); Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) (b)(6); Seshamani, Meena (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Slides for EOP IRA Briefing 1/25

Hi Kristi – thanks for sending. I'll let you know if any initial questions come up.

I'm collecting any specific questions EOP folks want to cover and will send those by Tuesday, so I can also give you a call then to plan for Wednesday.

Really appreciate getting these in advance so we can try to raise those questions early, so thanks again!

Clare

From: Martin, Kristi (CMS/CM) <Kristina.Martin@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 11:39 AM
To: Pierce-Wrobel, Clare A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Cc: OToole, Meghan (CMS/OA) <Meghan.OToole1@cms.hhs.gov>; Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>; Seshamani, Meena (CMS/OA) <Meena.Seshamani@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: Slides for EOP IRA Briefing 1/25

Hi Clare,

Hope your week is going well! I wanted to share with you early the slides we will be briefing on next week – IRA Medicare IOS-DPC Meeting_01.25.23. The topic will be on the (b)(5). We think this will take all the time on Wednesday, and will likely spill over into the time Friday. Please let me know if you have any questions. I am also happy to jump on the phone and walk through it with you if that would be helpful.

In addition, we are sharing with you a slide deck that is informational only for the tech/wonky folks. (b)(5). We won't be briefing, but wanted to flag for you. This informational second deck – (b)(5). The IRA issues in the document is focused on (b)(5). We are targeting (b)(5). Let me know if you have any questions on this.

Let me know if you need anything!

Best,
Kristi

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Message

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Sent: 1/20/2023 8:53:05 PM
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(b)(6);
Subject: RE: RE: new tiger team IPC on supply chain

For CDC, please include @Butler, Jay C. (CDC/DDID/OD). Thank you

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Subject: new tiger team IPC on supply chain

Good morning!

The White House has set up a tiger team on supply chain that, as you'll see from the note below, is meant to supplant all of the other supply chain related IPCs. DPC is asking for representation from your agencies. Please see the note below and let me know who from your agency will be the representative. I would really appreciate designee names by COB today.

Thanks all,
Sarah

From: Hathi, Sejal EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 11:09 AM
To: Despres, Sarah (HHS/IOS) <Sarah.Despres@hhs.gov>; Miller - Tolbert, Kimberly (OS/IOS) <Kimberly.Miller-tolbert@hhs.gov>
Subject: New tiger team IPC

Sarah and Kim, happy Thursday.

As you both know – in partnership with NSC, OSTP, OMB’s Made in America Office, and the COVID-19 Response Team, NEC and DPC are establishing a new IPC – “the IPC on Medical Product Supply Chain Resilience” – dedicated to refocusing, coordinating, and cohering federal efforts to build the resilience of medical product supply chains. We should be able to get paper to you in the next few days, after which we’d welcome a meeting with you to specifically discuss HHS questions, concerns, ideas – especially around which of our proposed ideas might indeed be most feasible.

For the broader IPC, we’re targeting monthly meetings, the first of which should fall the week of January 30.

As noted earlier, this IPC should subsume and supplant other IPCs on medical product supply chains, such as the IPC on COVID-19 Supplies. Sub-IPCs or small groups will be convened as needed to drive work on specific topics.

To attend the monthly meetings, EOP is requesting that each department designate an Assistant Secretary or equivalent with the relevant policy expertise, decision-making authority, and responsibility to participate productively. From HHS, we think there should be representation from ASPR, CDC, CMS, FDA, and OGA. Can you advise who the best designee from each of these agencies would be?

Let me know if you have questions.

Many thanks,
Sejal

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From: Kaplun, Brian (HHS/IOS) [Brian.Kaplun@hhs.gov]
Sent: 3/9/2023 12:13:37 AM
To: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
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CC: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/OA); (b)(6)
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Subject: Re: Re: Invitation from The President and Dr. Biden for a presentation of the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal on Tuesday, March 21

Yay!!

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From: Richardson (she/her), Erin (CMS/OA) <Erin.Richardson@cms.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:51:07 PM
To: Kaplun, Brian (HHS/IOS) <Brian.Kaplun@hhs.gov>
Cc: Tesfaye, Eden (CMS/) <eden.tesfaye@cms.hhs.gov>
Subject: FW: Invitation from The President and Dr. Biden for a presentation of the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal on Tuesday, March 21

Thank you, Brian!

From: The White House Social Office RSVP (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:35 PM
To: (b)(6) Administrator (CMS/OA) (b)(6)
Subject: Invitation from The President and Dr. Biden for a presentation of the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal on Tuesday, March 21

Dear Administrator Brooks-LaSure,

Please see your invitation below for a presentation of the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal to be held at the White House on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

This invitation is individual to you and non-transferable.

- **RSVP:** Accept or regret using [THIS LINK](#) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 16th.
- **White House Entry Instructions:** Please arrive at the **Southeast Gate, located at 15th Street and Alexander Hamilton Place, NW between 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.** Arriving earlier during this time is encouraged to avoid long lines. The map below indicates the entry location. There is no parking available on the White House grounds. The best vehicle drop-off point is 15th Street and Alexander Hamilton Place, NW.
- **COVID-19 Guidance:**
 - **Testing:** Regardless of vaccination status, testing is required for all guests over age 2. Please report to our testing facility at 708 Jackson Place anytime **between 6:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21.**
 - **Please note:** this testing facility is only accessible by stairs. If you require any accommodations that would make it more accessible for you, please email (b)(6)
 - **Vaccination:** When responding to this invitation, all guests must attest to their vaccination status.

- You are considered “fully vaccinated” two weeks after completing the second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine (e.g., Pfizer or Moderna) or two weeks after receiving a single dose of a one-dose vaccine (e.g., Johnson & Johnson/Janssen).
- **Masks:** Fully vaccinated guests are not required to wear a mask at the event. Guests who are not fully vaccinated must **wear a mask at all times** (including abstaining from eating and drinking), **and maintain at least 6 feet distance** from others while at the event.
- **Consent:** By submitting the information requested, you understand that the White House will share this information internally with relevant White House offices in order to coordinate appropriate public health and safety measures for this event.
- **Questions:** If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 guidelines and protocols, please contact (b)(6)

(b)(6)

- **ID Requirements:**

- **US Citizens ages 18 and older:** Must present a valid driver’s license, military ID, or US passport. US Citizens under age 18 will not need to present a government issued ID but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- **Foreign Nationals regardless of age:** Must present a valid passport, alien registration card, or US State Department ID.
- Any discrepancy between the information provided and the information stated on your government-issued ID will delay the entry process.

- **Attire:** Business.



*The President and Dr. Biden
request the pleasure of your company
at a presentation of the
National Medal of Arts
and the
National Humanities Medal
to be held at
The White House
on Tuesday, March 21, 2023
at four-thirty o'clock*

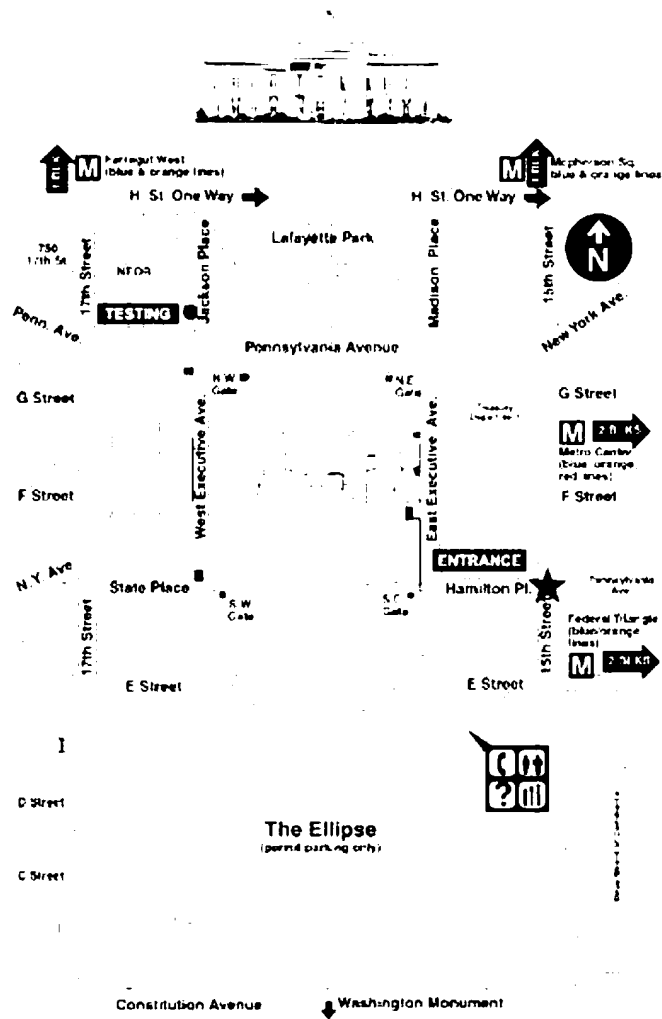
Please respond via this link

Kindly direct any questions to

*The Social Secretary
The White House*

(b)(6)

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