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News Releases

*December 21- [Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Action to Increase Naloxone Access in Federal Facilities Across the Nation](#). *Latest action advances President Biden’s Unity Agenda efforts to beat the overdose epidemic, continuing commitment to a whole-of-society effort to prevent fatal overdoses, reduce stigmatization associated with addiction, and save lives.* Washington, D.C. – Today, in support of President Biden’s Unity Agenda efforts to beat the overdose epidemic, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the General Services Administration (GSA) [announced new guidance](#) recommending that all federal facilities across the nation include overdose reversal medications in their safety stations on site. The recommendation will make life-saving medications like naloxone more readily available in case of an emergency situation.

*December 29- [CMS Roundup \(Dec. 29, 2023\)](#). Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provides an at-a-glance summary of news from around the agency.

*January 3, 2024- [Readout of HHS Secretary Becerra’s Meeting with Long-Term Care Facility Leaders](#). *Secretary Becerra reminded leaders of their obligations to offer and educate residents and staff on vaccines in order to increase low COVID-19 vaccination rate among nursing home residents and staff.* On Wednesday, January 3, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra met virtually with long-term care facility (LTCF) leaders to express concerns about low vaccination rates among nursing home residents and remind industry leaders of their obligations to offer the COVID-19 vaccine to residents and staff.

Blog

*December 21- [To begin your coverage, make sure you pay your monthly premium](#). To start your new 2024 Marketplace coverage, pay the first premium. This is the amount you pay every month to the health insurance company to keep your coverage.