

















Puerto Rico Health Insurance Conference 2023

Jonathan Blum

Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer





Agenda:

- 1. Provide an overview of CMS' Strategic Plan
- 2. Describe how we are working across the agency to address the most urgent issues that affect all of the US
- Share reflections on our visit to Puerto Rico and how equity for all will continue to drive CMS decision making















CMS serves the public as a trusted partner and steward, dedicated to advancing health equity, expanding coverage, and improving health outcomes.

CMS Strategic Pillars

ADVANCE EQUITY

Advance health equity by addressing the health disparities that underlie our health system



EXPAND ACCESS

Build on the Affordable Care Act and expand access to quality, affordable health coverage and care



ENGAGE PARTNERS

Engage our partners and the communities we serve throughout the policymaking and implementation process



DRIVE INNOVATION

Drive Innovation to tackle our health system challenges and promote valuebased, personcentered care



PROTECT PROGRAMS

Protect our programs' sustainability for future generations by serving as a responsible steward of public funds



FOSTER EXCELLENCE

Foster a positive and inclusive workplace and workforce, and promote excellence in all aspects of CMS' operations





Elevating Stakeholder Voices through Active Engagement

CMS will ensure that the public has a strong voice throughout CMS' policymaking, operations, and implementation process.

Behavioral Health

Increase and enhance access to equitable and high-quality behavioral health services and improve outcomes for people with behavioral health care needs.



Drug Affordability

Ensure that prescription drugs are accessible and affordable for consumers, providers, plans, our programs, and state partners.



Maternity Care

Work with states, health care facilities, community providers, and other partners to improve the quality of maternity care, expand postpartum coverage, and support a diverse provider workforce.

Benefit Expansion

Implement policy changes and consider opportunities to expand access to coverage and benefits, including high-value services, using existing authorities and health plan flexibilities.

Rural Health

Promote access to high-quality, equitable care for all people served by our programs in rural and frontier communities, Tribal nations, and the U.S. territories.



Supporting Health Care ResiliencyPrepare the healthcare system for operations after the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE).



National Quality Strategy
Shape a resilient, high-value
health care system to promote
quality outcomes, safety, equity,
and accessibility for all individuals,
especially for people within
historically underserved and
under-resourced communities.





Coverage Transition (COVID-19/PHE Unwinding)

Ensure as many individuals enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) maintain a source of coverage as possible after the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) continuous enrollment requirement expires.



Nursing Homes and Choice in Long Term Care

Improve safety and quality of care in the nation's nursing homes.

Data to Drive Decision-Making

Make more informed policy decisions based on data and drive innovation and personcentered care through the seamless exchange of data.

Integrating the 3Ms (Medicare, Medicaid & CHIP, Marketplace)

Promote seamless continuity of care, including experience with health care providers and health coverage, for people served by the 3Ms.

Future of Work @ CMS

Foster a culture of care that values employee health and well-being, emphasizes workplace flexibilities and leverages technology to support remote and hybrid collaboration.



Reflections/Questions











