

# HHS Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs News Bulletin: Friday, June 7th, 2013

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## Secretary's Corner

### ➤ June 3, 2013

Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today announced the release of new data and new opportunities for researchers and developers at the beginning of Health Datapalooza IV. This is the fourth annual national conference on health data transparency, which brings together government, non-profit, and private sector organizations to look at the potential for open data from HHS and other sources to help improve health and health care. View the full blog post [here](#) and view the full statement [here](#)

### ➤ June 3, 2013

Secretary Sebelius released a statement about LGBT pride month and the benefits that the ACA will provide for these individuals. "For too long, the health concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals were pushed to the side. LGBT individuals have faced limited access to health care and insurance. They have been less likely to get the preventive care they need to stay healthy, have higher rates of tobacco use, and are often at increased risk for mental health illness." View full statement [here](#)

## Affordable Care Act News

### ➤ June 6, 2013

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) moved forward by urging senior-citizens to join the fight against fraud. "In mailboxes across the country, people with Medicare will soon see a redesigned statement of their claims for services and benefits that will help them better spot potential fraud, waste and abuse. These newly redesigned Medicare Summary Notices are just one more way the Obama Administration is making the elimination of fraud, waste and abuse in health care a top priority. Because of actions like these and new tools under the Affordable Care Act, the number of suspect providers and suppliers thrown out of the Medicare program has more than doubled in 35 states." View full release [here](#)

## White House Health Care Blog Posts

### ➤ June 6, 2013

Jeanne Lambrew, Deputy Assistant to the President for Health Policy wrote a blog post about how Americans are saving billions of dollars due to the Affordable Care Act and how medical loss rebates are on the way. "According to a new report, Americans buying individual market health insurance saved \$1.2 billion in 2011 and \$2.1 billion in 2012 because law has begun to hold insurance companies accountable." View full blog [here](#)

### ➤ June 3, 2013

The White House wrote a blog post about The National Conference on Mental Health on June 3rd at the White House. "Nationally, an estimated 45 million Americans suffer from illnesses like depression, schizophrenia or post-traumatic stress syndrome. And today, the White House hosted a day-long conference with health care experts, psychologists, faith leaders, advocates for veterans, and a host of administration officials to kick off a national conversation about mental health in the United States." View the full blog [here](#)

## **Educational Materials**

*Below you'll find materials related to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.*

### **Health Insurance Marketplace**

*For more information about the Health Insurance Marketplace including official resources, research, news, and events visit <http://marketplace.cms.gov/>*

### **Marketplace Updates**

*For information on how to sign up for coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace, including text message and email updates visit <http://www.healthcare.gov/marketplace/index.html>*

### **State by State Fact Sheets**

*Choose your state to learn more about the immediate benefits of the Affordable Care Act, <http://www.healthcare.gov/law/information-for-you/index.html>*