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HRSA Reaffirms Commitment to Lowering Drug Prices for Low-income Patients



On **June 24**, HRSA announced new steps to lower out-of-pocket costs for life-saving medications. In alignment with President Trump's Executive Order "[Lowering Drug Prices by Putting Americans First](#)," HRSA has issued updated award terms requiring HRSA-funded health centers to provide insulin and injectable epinephrine to low-income patients at or below the price paid by the center through the 340B Drug Pricing Program.

[Read the release.](#)



June

- PTSD Awareness Month
- Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month
- HIV Testing Day (27)

Administrator Engels Speaks with State Medicaid Directors

On **June 11**, HRSA Administrator Tom Engels participated in a fireside chat at the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD) Annual Membership Meeting in Chicago. NAMD is funded through HRSA's National Organizations of State and Local Officials (NOSLO) Program.

During the conversation, Administrator Engels discussed opportunities for collaboration between HRSA and state Medicaid programs, focusing on shared [Make America Healthy Again](#) (MAHA) priorities. Addressing an audience of more than 150 Medicaid directors and senior leadership teams, he emphasized breaking down silos between federal and state programs, promoting radical transparency through enhanced data sharing and leveraging telehealth innovations to improve access to care. He also highlighted areas where HRSA and Medicaid programs can align to improve health outcomes, expand workforce development and support underserved communities.



While in Chicago, Administrator Engels also visited Lawndale Christian Health Center, where he learned about their comprehensive care model that features an integrated approach to primary care, including medical, dental and behavioral health services. He also toured their VeggieRx Produce Prescription Program, a partnership with the Chicago Botanic Garden that provides patients with free

produce boxes, nutrition counseling and cooking classes—an inspiring example of using food as medicine to improve community health outcomes.

HRSA Announces New Board of Directors for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network



On **June 5**, HRSA announced the new 34-member Board of Directors for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN). This launch of the OPTN Board of Directors advances HRSA's ongoing efforts to strengthen OPTN governance, mitigate

conflicts of interest, and modernize the organ donation, procurement and transplantation system within the United States.

This effort has been strongly supported by HHS Secretary Kennedy, whose leadership has been key to advancing these modernization goals. His support underscores a commitment to strengthening the U.S. organ donation, procurement and transplantation system, and to making impactful decisions that benefit Americans awaiting organ transplants.

[Read the release.](#)

HRSA Recognizes National HIV Testing Day

On **June 27**, HRSA will recognize National HIV Testing Day, a day to emphasize the importance of individuals knowing their HIV status. When people know their status, they can take steps to protect their health and prevent transmission to others. For those who test positive, early diagnosis and prompt linkage to care through HRSA's [Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program \(RWHAP\)](#) and [Health Center Program](#) lead to improved health outcomes and viral suppression. In 2023, 90.6% of RWHAP clients reached viral suppression, highlighting the impact of connecting testing to comprehensive care.



Share [FindHIVCare.hrsa.gov](https://www.hrsa.gov/findhivcare) and [FindAHealthCenter.hrsa.gov](https://www.hrsa.gov/findahealthcenter) to help individuals find nearby health centers and RWHAP-funded medical providers who offer HIV testing, treatment and essential support services.

Championing Men's Health during Men's Health Month



June marks Men's Health Month, a time to encourage boys and men to prioritize their health and well-being. Men are often less likely to visit the doctor, but regular checkups and preventive care can make a life-saving difference.

HRSA supports men's health through a range of programs and services designed to improve access to care, prioritize preventive services and improve men's health

outcomes. Through HRSA's health centers, we provide affordable, high-quality primary care, including cancer screenings, blood pressure monitoring and mental health and substance use services.

This month, HRSA encourages men to schedule a checkup or screening with a trusted health care provider. Let's work together to empower men to get the services they need to live longer, healthier lives.

[Find a health center near you.](#)

2025 HRSA Healthy Grants Workshop

[Registration is open](#) for the last two sessions of the 2025 Healthy Grants Workshop, scheduled for **July 16** and **August 13**. There is no cost, and all HRSA award and sub-award recipients are encouraged to attend.



Visit the [2025 Healthy Grants Workshop Schedule webpage](#) for information on workshop times, topics and presentations. You can also find links to previous Healthy Grants Workshop recordings on the [Healthy Grants Workshops webpage](#).

For more information, contact the Healthy Grants Workshop team at HRSAGrantsWorkshop@hrsa.gov.

Celebrating World Sickle Cell Awareness Day



On **June 19**, HRSA recognized World Sickle Cell Awareness Day to raise awareness about sickle cell disease (SCD) and the challenges faced by patients, their families and caregivers. SCD is an inherited red blood cell condition affecting more than 100,000 people in the United States.

HRSA continues to support testing, counseling, treatment, and education occurring in clinics and community organizations nationwide through [three coordinated programs](#) - the Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Demonstration Program, Sickle Cell Disease Newborn Screening Follow-up Program and the Hemoglobinopathies National Coordinating Center.

Together, these programs strengthen the system of care, educate families and providers and help kids and families get the best care based on the best science.

National Governors Association Center for Best Practices Policy Academy

On **June 23**, the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices kicked off a Policy Academy and Learning Network, Rx for A Healthier America: Building Capacity to Support Innovative Strategies to Reduce the Burden of Chronic Diseases: 2025-2026, that is funded by HRSA's National Organizations of State and Local Officials (NOSLO) Program.



This Policy Academy and Learning Network will promote the Make America Healthy Again priorities by supporting Governors' offices in Missouri, Maryland, West Virginia, the U.S. Virgin Islands and American Samoa to work toward programmatic, policy and budgetary changes that will reduce chronic disease and obesity in America.