

Health Care Executive Orders Strengthening Access to Affordable Health Care

Highlights: Following seven health care related Executive Orders (EOs) released from the Biden Administration on Inauguration Day, President Biden signed two additional health care related EOs Thursday, January 28th, strengthening access to affordable health care.

Key Takeaways:

- **Strengthening Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act:** The Biden Administration will open a Special Enrollment period for Americans to sign up for health coverage and take additional steps to strengthen Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act.
- **Access to Reproductive Health Care:** The Biden Administration is taking steps to protect and expand access to comprehensive reproductive health care.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Title	Signed	Description
Strengthening Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA)	1/28/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHS will open HealthCare.gov for a “Special Enrollment Period” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 15, 2021 – May 15, 2021 • The Order directs federal agencies to re-examine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Policies that undermine protections for people with pre-existing conditions, including complications related to COVID-19 ○ Demonstrations and waivers under Medicare and the ACA that may reduce coverage or undermine the programs, including work requirements ○ Policies that undermine the Health Insurance Marketplace or other markets for health insurance ○ Policies that make it more difficult to enroll in Medicaid and the ACA ○ Policies that reduce affordability of coverage or financial assistance, including for dependents • The Order directs federal agencies to consider whether to take additional actions to strengthen and protect access to health care
Protecting Women’s Health at Home and Abroad	1/28/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Biden is issuing a Presidential Memorandum to protect and expand access to comprehensive reproductive health care • The Order immediately rescinds the global rule, also referred to as the Mexico City Policy, which bars international non-profits that provide abortion counselling or referrals from receiving U.S. funding • The Order directs HHS to take immediate action to consider whether to rescind regulations under its Title X family planning program