



CMS Agency Report to PharmPAC

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Association for the Preservation of the Historic Congressional Cemetery

On September 10th, CMS officers, LCDR Piantedosi and LCDR Page, along with approximately 200 volunteers from the Public Health Service and all branches of the Armed Forces participated in the “Joint Services Day of Remembrance” at the Historic Congressional Cemetery located in Washington DC to help landscape the grounds. The Historic Congressional Cemetery is a private cemetery founded in 1807. The grounds occupy 32.5 acres in Southeast Washington, D.C. Volunteers pulled weeds, removed Yucca plants, cut trees, removed old fencing, excavated old drainage ditches, as well as stone masonry to reset fallen head stones.

<http://www.congressionalcemetery.org/welcome-historic-congressional-cemetery>

Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment is from Oct. 15 - Dec. 7

Every year, people with Medicare get to explore new choices and pick the health and drug plans that work best for them. This year, this Open Enrollment period is starting earlier – on October 15 – and ending sooner – December 7. This gives people with Medicare a full seven weeks to compare and make decisions, and ensures that they will have essential plan materials and membership cards in hand on January 1, 2012 when new coverage starts.

<http://www.cms.gov/center/openenrollment.asp>

HHS Launches Million Hearts Campaign, Pharmacy steps-up

Million Hearts is a national initiative to prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes over the next five years. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services are the co-leaders of Million Hearts within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, working alongside other federal agencies including the National Institutes of Health, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and the Food and Drug Administration. Key private-sector partners include the American Heart Association, and YMCA, among others.

<http://millionhearts.hhs.gov/about-mh.shtml>

