



# Federal Policy: Medicaid

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# Key Dates in 2025



March

April

May

June

July

August

September

December

**March 14**  
Congress passed continuing resolution through FY 2025

**March 27**  
Deadline for House reconciliation measures per current House Budget Resolution  
*(deadline unlikely to be met)*

**April**  
Anticipated passage of identical Senate and House budget resolutions

**Late April or May**  
President's FY'26 Budget Request released

**May-July**  
House and Senate committee mark-ups outlining policies to fulfill budget resolution instructions.  
*(This is when we will see details regarding Medicaid cuts)*

**TBD: Summertime (June, July, possibly August)**  
Anticipated completion of budget reconciliation

**August**  
Anticipated deadline to address debt ceiling due to expiration of "extraordinary measures"

**September 30**  
Deadline for FY 2026 appropriations. Expiration of continuing resolution. Expiration of health care extenders (CHC funding, telehealth, DSH cuts, etc.)

**December 31**  
Expiration of enhanced PTCs and Trump tax cuts

# Timeline: Opportunities for Impact

Now through early June or longer:  
Ongoing advocacy in DC & in district offices throughout the Budget Reconciliation process.

## **Budget Reconciliation Steps:**

Next steps that Congress has to take to pass a Budget Reconciliation bill.

STEP 1: House & Senate must pass identical budget resolutions.

**House Budget Resolution Vote**  
**Senate Budget Resolution Vote**

STEP 2: Each committee will hold a mark-up to discuss policies to meet the budget resolution instructions.  
Related to Medicaid, all eyes are on the Senate Finance and House E&C Committees.

**House Energy & Commerce Committee Mark Up**  
**Senate Finance Committee Mark-Up**

STEP 3: The House and Senate must pass identical Budget Reconciliation bills for the bill to be able to be signed into law.

**House Budget Reconciliation Vote**  
**Senate Budget Reconciliation Vote**

**Dates elected officials will be in CO:**

March 13-23

March 28, April 4, 11-27

May 2, 9-12, May 23-31

June 2, 14-22, 28-July 6

# Budget Reconciliation & Potential Medicaid Cuts

## Overview

**Overview:** The House and Senate are still at a standstill in terms of Budget Reconciliation. They have yet to agree on the number of bills to pass and the level of funding / cuts to include. The **House Budget Resolution** instructs the House Energy & Commerce Committee to **cut \$880 billion**. **In contrast, the Senate Budget Resolution directs \$1 billion** in cuts to relevant committees. If the two sides can reach agreement, it may be in the range of \$500 billion in cuts. Potential policies released earlier this year on the House side included the following:

### Medicaid Financing

- Per capita caps (\$900B)
- Lower FMAP floor (up to \$387B)
- Eliminate enhanced FMAP for expansion populations (\$561B)
- Eliminate American Rescue Plan's added 5% FMAP created to incentivize states to expand (\$18B)
- Standardize Administrative FMAP to 50% from current range of 50-100% (\$69B)
- Limit State-Directed Medicaid Payments (up to \$25B)
- Limit provider taxes (\$175B)
- FMAP penalty for covering "illegal aliens" with state only \$ (TBD)

### Medicaid Eligibility

- Medicaid work requirements (\$100B)
- Limit Non-Citizen Eligibility for Federal Health Programs Including Medicaid & APTCs (\$35B)

### Repealing Recently Finalized Medicaid Rules

- Repeal Medicaid/CHIP Access Rule (\$121B)
- Repeal Medicaid Eligibility Rule (\$164B)
- Repeal Nurse Home Minimum Staffing Rule (\$22B)

**Next steps:** The Senate and House have to pass aligned budget resolutions. Committee work will clarify which Medicaid policy changes the GOP plans to pursue and what it is able to secure agreement on.

**Health Equity:** Cuts to Medicaid would disproportionately impact children, pregnant women, seniors, individuals with disabilities and veterans. The House proposal would pay for tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans by taking away health coverage and care, and other key benefits, from vulnerable populations.

## Most Likely Cuts

- 1) **Work requirements**
- 2) **Repeal of Biden era regulations**
- 3) **Fraud and abuse**  
Details TBD. Potentially including limitations on provider taxes; decreased access for noncitizens.
- 4) **Limitations on provider taxes**
- 5) **Cuts to Medicaid financing**  
Details TBD. Potentially decreased enhanced federal funding for expansion populations; per capita caps.

## GOP Perspective

- **Two Priorities:** During the House Budget Committee hearing, the few Republicans who spoke in detail about Medicaid focused on **(1) fraud and abuse in the form of improper payment** in the amount of \$50B per year or \$500B over 10 years per [GAO](#) and **(2) limitations on provider taxes** which they indicated CBO estimates could save \$300B over 10 years.

**Together, \$500B+\$300B = \$800B**



# Questions + Discussion

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