

Impact Health Policy Weekly

Congress is back in session and begins its work on drafting the budget reconciliation package. Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) is aiming for the House to pass its side of the bill by Memorial Day, with Johnson eyeing the week of May 19th for a floor vote, however this is still an ambitious timeline. Tomorrow, the [House Education and Workforce Committee](#), [House Armed Services Committee](#), the [House Homeland Security Committee](#) will markup their drafts of the budget reconciliation package, and on Wednesday, the [House Oversight and Reform Committee](#) and the [House Financial Services Committee](#) will hold their markups.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee has yet to notice their markup, but it is being reported that it could be scheduled for May 7th. Regarding the \$880 billion directive to the Committee, it remains unclear which Medicaid options will be pursued, but moderate Republicans continue to express opposition to policies that would reduce Medicaid benefits. Additionally, it is being reported that the White House is now cautioning against large Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) cuts, which is under the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Agriculture.

First 100 Days

President Trump is approaching 100 days in office and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) released his [Dear Colleague letter](#) on Sunday outlining the president's "disastrous" start and Democrats' strategies to thwart the president's agenda. Later this week, **Impact Health Policy Partners will release a memo recapping the Trump Administration's health-related actions during the first 100 days and what policies could possibly be next.**

Regulatory Update

The Office of Management and Budget is reviewing the following:

- **Medicare.** Proposed CY 2026 payment updates for [physicians](#), [hospital outpatient departments and ambulatory surgical centers](#), [home health agencies](#), and [end-stage renal disease facilities](#). These proposed rules are typically published in June or July.
- **Medicaid.** A [proposed rule](#) titled, "Preserving Medicaid Funding for Vulnerable Populations – Closing a Health Care-Related Tax Loophole." The proposed rule could impact provider taxes, such as those in California and New York.

This Week in Health Policy

Mon. (4/28)

- **12:00pm – AEI Discussion: 340B Reform** – The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) holds a discussion with a panel of experts on reforming the 340B drug discount program and addressing both its intended and unintended consequences. Jeffrey Last, Senior Policy Adviser at the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, will participate. [Details](#).

Tue. (4/29)

- **10:00am – Markup: Homeland Security Budget Reconciliation Recommendations** – The House Committee on Homeland Security holds a markup to advance its recommendations providing for reconciliation pursuant to [H.Con.Res.14](#), the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY2025, which will provide funding for the Department of Homeland Security’s primary border security mission. [Details.](#)
- **10:00am – Hearing: CBO, GAO FY 2026 Budget** – The Senate Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee holds a hearing to review the fiscal year (FY) 2026 budget request for the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and the Government Publishing Office with their respective Directors. [Details.](#)
- **10:30am – Hearing: Veterans’ Mental Health** – The Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs holds a hearing titled “Bridging the Gap: Enhancing Outreach to Support Veterans’ Mental Health.” [Details.](#)
- **11:00am – Hearing: Revitalizing American Manufacturing** – The House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs holds a hearing to examine the offshoring of American manufacturing and discuss solutions to protect critical supply chains and boost domestic manufacturing. [Details.](#)
- **1:00pm – Health Affairs Discussion: Food, Nutrition, and Health** – Health Affairs holds a discussion on the evolution of US food and nutrition policy, the current policy landscape, and thoughts on what lies ahead. [Details.](#)
- **2:00pm – Hearing: Government Efficiency/IT Modernization** – The House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation holds a hearing to review the challenges posed by legacy IT, examine ongoing efforts to modernize it, and review how an IT upgrade will improve government operations. [Details.](#)
- **2:00pm – BPC Discussion: Housing Policies/Economic Opportunity** – The Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) holds a discussion on how zoning and land-use reforms can expand housing supply, and help families access areas of greater economic opportunity, and how federal, state, and local leaders can work together to unlock the housing market. [Details.](#)

Wed. (4/30)

- **8:00am – Axios Discussion: Trump’s First 100 Days** – Axios holds a discussion with House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) on the biggest impacts stemming from Trump’s first 100 days and the flurry of executive orders. [Details.](#)
- **9:00am – CSIS Discussion: Measles Outbreak** – The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) holds a discussion on measles outbreaks in the United States and abroad. [Details.](#)
- **10:15am – Hearing: ERISA Outlook** – The House Education and Workforce Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions holds a hearing titled “Investing for the Future: Honoring the Employee Retirement Income Security Act’s (ERISA) Promise to Participants.” [Details.](#)
- **10:30am – Hearing: Biomedical Research Innovation** – The Senate Appropriations Committee holds a hearing on biomedical research, focused on maintaining America’s edge on innovation. [Details.](#)

- **2:00pm – Brookings Discussion: Biosecurity/Pandemic Preparedness** – The Brookings Institution's Center on Regulation and Markets holds a forum to examine how the US can become more resilient against biological threats by enhancing biosafety, biosecurity, and pandemic preparedness. Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI) delivers keynote remarks. [Details.](#)
- **7:00pm – BWHI Discussion: Black Women's Health** – The Black Women's Health Imperative (BWHI) holds a discussion to examine the Trump Administration's first 100 days exploring key issues impacting Black women, including maternal health, reproductive justice, mental health, research, and policy. [Details.](#)

Thurs. (5/1)

- **11:00am – Heritage Discussion: Medical Innovation/MAHA** – The Heritage Foundation holds a discussion of cutting edge medical technology and its wider implementation to make Americans healthier, including how the Department of Health and Human Services under Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. can encourage the wider use of alternative treatments, such as photobiomodulation and hyperbaric oxygen therapy, in its MAHA mission. [Details.](#)

Fri. (5/2)

- **12:00pm – Brown/Georgetown Discussion: Medicare Advantage Overpayments** – The Brown University School of Public Health's Center for Advancing Health Policy through Research and the Georgetown University Center on Health Insurance Reforms Medicare Policy Initiative hold a briefing on the complexities of Medicare Advantage payment issues and strategies to curb overpayments. [Details.](#)

Featured Analysis

- **Impact Update on HHS RIF and Reorganization** – In Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)
- **Impact Memo on Potential Budget Reconciliation Spending Cuts: Medicaid, ACA, Immigration, Commercial Insurance and More** – Available [here.](#)
- **Insights for Impact: Federal Nutrition Programs** – In Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)
- **Litigation Tracker: Monitoring Legal Challenges to Trump-Vance Executive Actions** – In Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)
- **Impact Overview of President Trump's Day One EO** – In Policy Hub Insight Bank [here.](#)

Congressional Lookback

Thurs. (4/24)

- **The Senate HELP Committee Chair Cassidy (R-LA)** released a [report](#) entitled "Congress Must Act to Bring Needed Reforms to the 340B Drug Pricing Program. [Details.](#)
- **The Senate HELP Committee Chair Cassidy (R-LA)** released a [white paper](#) with proposals to increase independent workers access to health care and retirement benefits. [Details.](#)

Regulatory Lookback

Thurs. (4/24)

- **The White House OSTP** released over [10,000 public comments](#) received in response to an RFI aimed at shaping the Trump administration's AI Action Plan. [Details.](#)

Wed. (4/23)

- **The OMB** is currently reviewing a [draft proposed Medicaid rule](#) related to provider taxes. [Details.](#)

Tues. (4/22)

- **HHS** [announced](#) that the FDA will be taking a series of steps to remove eight petroleum-based synthetic food dyes from the food supply. [Details.](#)

Comment & Application Deadlines

- **May 11:** The OMB issued an [RFI](#) inviting the public to submit suggestions for eliminating or revising federal regulations that are considered unnecessary, outdated, or burdensome. [Details.](#)
- **June 10:** CMS released the FY 2026 IPPS and LTCH PPS [proposed rule](#). [Details.](#)
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- **June 10:** CMS released the FY 2026 IRF PPS [proposed rule](#). [Details.](#)
- **June 10:** CMS released the FY 2026 Hospice Payment Rate Update [proposed rule](#). [Details.](#)
- **June 13:** NIST released the Initial Public Draft (IPD) [update](#) of the Privacy Framework Version 1.1, a voluntary guidance tool aimed at helping organizations identify and manage privacy risks. [Details.](#)
- **July 1:** The CDC [seeking nominations](#) for membership on the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC). [Details.](#)