

Impact Health Policy Weekly

Framing the week

Senate Republicans are working to meet President Trump's July 4 deadline to deliver a [budget reconciliation bill](#) for his signature. The Senate Finance Committee is expected to release its legislative text today, including revisions to House-passed Medicaid provisions and other policy changes. However, some sections are anticipated to contain placeholders that will be updated at a later time. Prospects for significant policy changes remain limited, especially given the narrow margins in the House.

To meet the ambitious July 4 deadline, Senate floor action, including the vote-a-rama amendment process, would need to begin next week. The House would then need at least a week to pass the Senate's bill given the 72-hour rule. The more pressing deadline is the "X-Date," when the Treasury Department will exhaust cash reserves and extraordinary measures, requiring congressional action to raise the debt limit. Last week, the Congressional Budget Office slightly extended its estimate for when the debt limit must be raised, suggesting the "[X-Date](#)" range now falls between mid-August and the end of September (previously estimated to be in early August).

Senate Democrats continue to raise awareness about the negative impacts of the budget reconciliation bill, with a sharp focus on the projected losses in health insurance coverage. CBO [estimates](#) that if the House-passed policy changes to Medicaid and the Marketplace were enacted, 10.9 million more Americans would become uninsured. This is in addition to 5.1 million coverage losses already expected due to the expiration of enhanced ACA subsidies and changes in [CMS' Marketplace and Integrity proposed rule](#).

Last week, Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR) and a dozen Senate Democrats [introduced](#) 13 bills to strengthen and invest in Medicaid. These messaging bills are intended to highlight the differences between the Democratic and Republican approaches to Medicaid. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions issued a [request for information](#) to health care providers on the impacts of the reconciliation bill. Comments are due this Friday, June 20.

Meanwhile, the appropriations process is underway; however, a continuing resolution to avoid a government shutdown appears likely. The main question is how long a CR will last. In addition to addressing government funding, Congress will also need to act on a package of expiring health care extenders – including funding for community health centers and Medicare telehealth flexibilities, and other bipartisan policies.

In the House, appropriators are in the process of marking up fiscal year 2026 appropriations bill at both the committee and subcommittee levels. The House Appropriations Committee has begun considering the [FY 2026 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration bill](#). The text of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related agencies bill has not yet been released.

The Senate is further behind in the appropriations process, with the Senate Appropriations Committee not expected to reach a topline agreement on FY 2026 spending until after budget reconciliation. Senate Appropriations Subcommittees are holding hearings to review the [President's FY 2026 budget request](#). Regarding the rescission package, which targets foreign aid – including PEPFAR – and public broadcasting, and was passed by the House last week, the Senate has not yet scheduled a vote. Notably, rescission bills are not subject to the 60-vote threshold and only require a simple majority. The White House is expected to send additional rescission packages over the next few weeks.

The Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions on Thursday, which may include health care-related cases. Among them are [Kennedy v. Braidwood Management, Inc.](#), which challenges the constitutionality of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force – an independent advisory body whose recommendations determine which preventive services most private health insurers must cover without cost-sharing – and [United States v. Skrmetti](#), which concerns a Tennessee law banning gender-affirming care for minors.

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 [final rule](#) titled, “Medicaid Eligibility Changes Under the Affordable Care Act of 2010; Giving States Freedom to Use Immigration Information to Determine State Residency for Medicaid Eligibility.” The final rule is part of the Trump administration’s efforts to [increase federal oversight](#) on states using Federal Medicaid funding for the health care of undocumented immigrants.
 - A [proposed rule](#) titled, “Medicaid Managed Care-State Directed Payments.” The proposed rule appears intended to advance a [presidential memorandum](#) released on June 6, which directs HHS to “eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicaid, including by ensuring Medicaid payments rates are not higher than Medicare, to the extent permitted by applicable law.”
- **ACA Marketplace.** A [final rule](#) with a series of proposals intended to address improper enrollments in Marketplace coverage and reduce improper federal spending on advanced premium tax credits ([IHPP summary](#)). If finalized as proposed, 750,000 to 2 million fewer individuals would enroll in Marketplace coverage in 2026.
- **340B Program.** A [notice](#) titled, “340 Rebate Guidance.”

This Week in Health Policy

Mon. (6/16)

- **1:00pm – JHU Discussion: Gun Safety Laws** – The Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions holds a discussion on "Safe Storage Laws: A Step-By-Step Guide to a Life-Saving Policy," focusing on gun safety. [Details.](#)
- **2:00pm – CSIS Discussion: Medical Supply Chains** – The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) holds a summit to examine the current state of U.S. generic medicine supply chains, discuss options to reduce the risk of disruption, and advance a strategy in the near- to medium-term to achieve greater market resilience and stability. [Details.](#)

Tue. (6/17)

- **9:00am – NIH Meeting: Data Science/Women's Health Research** – The National Institutes of Health (NIH) holds a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health (ACRWH) to provide recommendations on priority issues affecting women's health and sex differences research, including a roadmap on artificial intelligence (AI) powered women's health. [Details.](#)
- **11:00am – Justice in Aging Discussion: Protecting Medicaid from Cuts** – Justice in Aging holds a discussion on where the budget reconciliation bill stands and how the cuts to Medicaid, Medicare and other health care programs would harm older adults. [Details.](#)
- **3:00pm – NIH Meeting: Diabetes/Digestive/Kidney Diseases Research** – NIH holds a meeting of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for council business. [Details.](#)

Wed. (6/18)

- **9:00am – BPC Discussion: Housing Supply Solutions** – The Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) holds a summit to explore bipartisan solutions to the nation's shortage of affordable homes featuring commentary from Sens. Mike Rounds (R-SD), Todd Young (R-IN), Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), and Mark Warner (D-VA). [Details.](#)
- **10:00am – Hearing: DOL/EEOC Nominations** – The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee holds a hearing to examine the nominations of Jonathan Berry to be Solicitor, Andrew Rogers to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, and Anthony D'Esposito to be Inspector General of the Department of Labor, and Andrea Lucas to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). [Details.](#)

Thurs. (6/19)

- **Holiday: Juneteenth**

Featured Analysis

- **AI in Health and Governance Roundup: New Frameworks, Tools, and Oversight Challenges** – In Policy Hub [here.](#)

- **Litigation Update: Legal Cases in Response to Trump Administration Executive Actions** – In Policy Hub Insight Bank [here](#).
- **100 Days of Disruption: Health Policy Under Trump 2.0** – In Policy Hub Insight Bank [here](#).
- **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](#).

Congressional Lookback

Thurs. (6/12)

- **The Senate Agriculture Committee** released its version of [budget reconciliation legislation](#). [Details](#).
- **The House Committee on Agriculture** held a [hearing](#) with the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Brooke Rollins to discuss the priorities and initial actions of the Trump Administration for agriculture and nutrition programs. [Details](#).
- **Senate HELP** Ranking Member Bernie Sanders (I-VT) issued a request for information (RFI) on the potential impact of the [House budget reconciliation bill](#) for healthcare providers and the American people. [Details](#).
- **Senate Finance Committee** Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR) and other Senate Democrats announced over a dozen bills to strengthen Medicaid and make investments in the program. [Details](#).

Wed. (6/11)

- **The Senate HELP Committee** released its [budget reconciliation text](#). [Details](#).
- **The House E&C Subcommittee on Health** held a [hearing](#) to assess vulnerabilities in the U.S. health care supply chain and to explore bipartisan solutions for enhancing domestic production of medical supplies and [pharmaceuticals](#). [Details](#).

Regulatory Lookback

Thurs. (6/12)

- MedPAC released its [June 2025 Report to Congress](#). [Details](#).

Tues. (6/10)

- **HHS** [released](#) the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Congressional Justification for the new Administration for a Healthy America. [Details](#).
- **CBO** [released](#) a detailed report estimating how the surge in immigration that began in 2021 affected state and local budgets in 2023. [Details](#).
- **CRS** released a sidebar outlining the [legal](#) considerations regarding President Trump's executive order directing HHS to implement Most Favored Nation (MFN) reference pricing for certain prescription drugs. [Details](#).

Mon. (6/9)

- **OIG released** a report evaluating how states are using CMS's Payroll-Based Journal (PBJ) Staffing Data Reports and related guidance to oversee and enforce federal staffing standards in [nursing](#) homes. [Details.](#)
- **Secretary of HHS** Robert F. Kennedy Jr. **announced** the removal of all 17 members of the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP). [Details.](#)

Comment & Application Deadlines

- **June 16:** CMS and ASTP/ONC issued a [request for information \(RFI\)](#) seeking input to shape future policies and infrastructure to support digital health innovation. [Details.](#)
- **June 20:** Senate HELP Ranking Member Bernie Sanders (I-VT) issued a request for information (RFI) on the potential impact of the [House budget reconciliation bill](#) for healthcare providers and the American people. [Details.](#)
- **June 26:** CMS released [draft guidance](#) for initial price applicability year (IPAY) 2028 of the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program and effectuation of maximum fair prices (MFPs) in IPAYs 2026, 2027, and 2028. [Details.](#)
- **July 1:** The CDC [seeking nominations](#) for membership on the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC). [Details.](#)
- **July 12:** HHS and FDA issued an [RFI](#) as part of a major initiative to reduce regulatory burdens across the health care system. Comments are due July 12. [Details.](#)
- **July 14:** CMS released a [proposed rule](#) entitled "Medicaid Program; Preserving Medicaid Funding for Vulnerable Populations – Closing a Health Care-Related Tax Loophole Proposed." [Details.](#)
- **July 15:** The NIH [issued](#) a Request for Information (RFI) to gather public input on the development of a comprehensive NIH Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy. [Details.](#)
- **September 11:** The FDA issued an [RFI](#) to begin its process of reviewing nutrition requirements in infant formulas. [Details.](#)