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PCC Policy & Advocacy Committee

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

agenda

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ICYMI: PCC Webinar & Issue Brief

On August 8, the PCC hosted a webinar, **CMS Draft Regulations: Modernizing and Improving Pay for Primary Care in Medicare**, exploring how the 2026 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule could affect primary care. Additionally, the PCC released an issue brief: **Modernizing and Improving Pay for Primary Care in Medicare** with recommendations on where to weigh in with CMS on the proposed rule.

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Federal Update



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Healthcare in the Trump Administration



Big Ideas and Creative Maneuvering

- Cost Cutting to the Health System and Patients
- Deregulation and Reduction of Bureaucracy
- Ideological and/or Values Driven Policy
- Emphasis on Wellness and Healthcare Freedom

...and everything moves quickly!

Early Tactics

- Health care EOs- over 150 EOs so far with >70 in health, Biden had 162 over his entire presidency
- Other kinds of comms that do not rise to the level of notice and comment but still matter, like policy statements, guidance, agreements
- Notice and comment regs
    - 2 times to forego the process: EO telling agencies to repeal w/o notice and comment and Richardson Waiver
- Lawsuits- political messaging through litigation, strategic maneuvering after a negative verdict

DPC: reconciliation → drug pricing



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119th Congress

Major Legislation Passed by Congress and Signed by Trump:

- H.R. 1968 - Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (March 10)
- H.R. 1 - One Big Beautiful Bill Act (July 4)

… and that's it!





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Health Provisions

CR included a small package of healthcare extenders through Sept. 30, 2025.

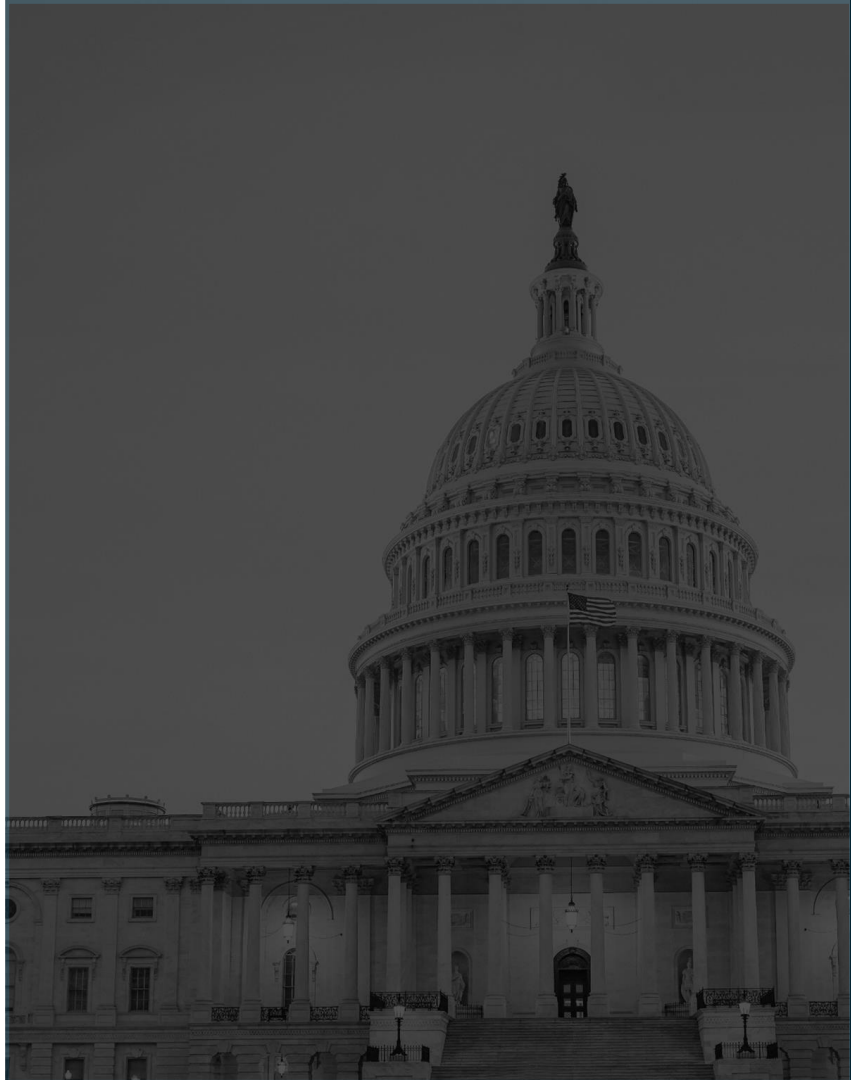
- Community Health Center Fund
- DSH, Medicare-Dependent, and Low-Volume, H@H
- NHSC, THC, CHGME, Conrad 30
- GPCI
- Telehealth
- Special diabetes

OBBBA included significant Medicaid changes, ACA expansion roll back, 1-year partial "doc fix", minimal HSA changes, IRA orphan drug fix.

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OBBA - $1T reduction in overall health care spending, including $940B from Medicaid over 10 years.

- **Medicaid**
  - Community engagement requirements, eligibility and enrollment changes
  - Provider taxes and SDPs
- **Rural Health Transformation Project**
- **ACA "roll back"**
- **Prohibits federal funding for specified family planning/abortion service providers**
- **SNAP reeducations and eligibility changes**





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What's Left?

- HEALTH CARE APPROPRIATIONS!
- Healthcare extenders post Sept. 30
- PBMs
- OMUFA, HRSA Title VII and VIII reauthorizations
- SUPPORT/PAHPA?
- Individual member priorities

VEHICLES: NDAA, Federal appropriations, bipartisan health package?