

Congress Passes Budget Resolution, Unlocks Reconciliation Process

This month, the House and Senate reached an agreement on a concurrent budget resolution, after weeks of back-and-forth negotiations over topline spending and savings numbers. Although the resolution itself does not change federal funding or require the President's signature, it provides instructions to guide the optional parliamentary procedure known as budget reconciliation. House and Senate Republicans intend to use the budget reconciliation process to pass a number of campaign priorities, including tax cuts, increases in defense and border security spending, and reforms to immigration and energy policy. Altogether, the resolution calls for up to \$5.3 trillion in tax cuts, including an extension of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, partially offset by at least \$1.5 trillion in spending cuts over 10 years. The resolution also demands 10-year increases in defense and border security spending by \$150 and \$175 billion, respectively. In the health policy space, the resolution instructs the House Energy & Commerce Committee to cut at least \$880 billion in programmatic spending under the Committee's purview. House Republicans are expected to target a major portion of those cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, and other welfare programs.

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AMCP Urges Congress to Protect the Medicaid Program

With major cuts to Medicaid expected as a result of the budget reconciliation process, AMCP is urging pharmacy professionals to call on their Members of Congress to protect Medicaid funding. Potential Medicaid reforms that would cut federal spending include: per-capita limits on the amount the federal government will pay for coverage; work requirements to receive coverage; reducing the federal government's share of Medicaid spending for expansion populations; lowering the minimum federal reimbursement rate to wealthier states from 50% to 40%; and limiting the amount of provider tax revenue that states can use to fund their Medicaid programs. Over 70 million people rely on Medicaid to cover essential health services, with roughly 7 out of every 10 beneficiaries served by a Medicaid managed care plan. AMCP is concerned that the proposed reforms may force states to limit program eligibility, reduce covered services, or seek additional cuts from unrelated public programs such as education, public safety, and housing. To find out how the Medicaid program assists patients in your state, visit the [Modern Medicaid Alliance's 50-state dashboard](#).

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AMCP Political Action Committee

AMCP PAC is a political action committee supporting Congressional champions who advance policy to improve the practice of managed care pharmacy. AMCP formed the PAC to support candidates who promote policies that improve the practice of managed care pharmacy. Prescription drug prices are consistently top-of-mind for voters, so it's important to ensure that the managed care perspective is represented in these policy conversations. Federal law allows current individual AMCP members, AMCP employees, and their immediate family who live in the same household to contribute. At this time, only AMCP members and employees may contribute. Family contributions will be accepted at a later date. AMCP members must log-in to the AMCP PAC website to make a contribution. Contributions from the general public and corporations are prohibited by federal law. If you are not a member but would like to contribute to AMCP PAC, you must first join AMCP at amcp.org.

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AMCP Staff Provide Legislative, Regulatory Updates at the AMCP 2025 Annual Meeting

This month, thousands of managed care pharmacy professionals descended on Houston, Texas for the AMCP 2025 Annual Meeting. Along with preconference sessions on Artificial Intelligence, networking receptions, and a keynote presentation from [Dr. Vin Gupta](#), continuing education sessions on federal and state legislative and regulatory updates were also well attended. On April 2, Associate Director of Government Affairs Tom Casey and Manager of Regulatory Affairs Vicky Jucelin provided updates on state-level legislation restricting the business practices of pharmacy benefit managers, as well as key court cases and state regulations affecting the use of A.I., coverage of GLP-1 drugs, and the 340B drug discount program. On April 1, Associate Vice president of Congressional Affairs Adam Colborn and Associate Vice President of Regulatory Affairs Geni Tunstall [spoke](#) to the expected and unexpected consequences that a second Trump administration, GOP trifecta in the 119th Congress, and overhaul of the federal workforce may have on federal health policy. “2025 is a year of uncertainty and significant change for health policy” Tunstall [mentioned during the session](#). “I think there is an opportunity for stakeholders to shape the future of health care by being as involved in advocacy as possible.”

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