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Home Care is healthcare.

Timeline of Significant Federal Developments Impacting Home & Health Care

Continuing Resolution For Federal Spending

- Funds gov't for 60 months, through Sept 30, 2025
- Extended telehealth
- Extended Hospital @ Home pilot

March 24, 2025
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Proposed CMS Hospice Payment Rule for FFY 2026

- 2.6% increase in market basket
- 9 CBSAs in NY are proposed to have increases, while 6 CBSAs are proposed to have decreases
- Changes to Face-to-Face encounter attestation
- Changes to quality measurement and reporting process, including the HOPE Tool
- Other

April 11, 2025
Proposed

August 1, 2025
Finalized

Proposed CMS Home Health Payment Rule for CY 2026

- Market basket increase of 2.4% but overall, 6.4% Payment Reduction
- 9 CBSAs in NY are proposed to have increases, while 6 CBSAs are proposed to have decreases
- Makes changes to practitioners able to conduct Face-to-Face encounter
- Recalibrates 432 PDGM case-mix-weights
- Other

June 30, 2025
Proposed

Reconciliation Package (i.e. OBBBA)

- Makes reforms to Medicaid eligibility for certain noncitizens and categories of individuals on the ACA "Essential Plan"
- Requires 80 hrs / month of work, education or community engagement for able bodied adults to qualify for Medicaid
- Creates new HCBS waiver for individuals that currently don't qualify because their needs are blow NH level
- Freezes state tax levels on providers
- Requires MA recerts at least every 6 months
- Other

July 4, 2025
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Recissions Package (i.e. Spending Reductions)

- Cuts funds to certain Foreign Aid, NPR, PBS.

July 24, 2025
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Anticipated Fall Action

- Continuing Resolution for some # of months (e.g., through March 31, 2026)
- Possible 2nd Reconciliation Package w/additional MA Reforms
- Other

September - December

Regulatory Relief Request for Medicaid Proposal

- Medicaid regulatory relief proposals solicited by OMB

May 2025

Regulatory Relief Request for Medicare Proposal

- Medicare regulatory relief proposals solicited by CMS

June 2025

2025 | March | April | May | June | July | Sept-Dec