



Protecting access to care in Medicaid

Recent changes to Medicaid financing enacted in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) legislation are now moving into the implementation phase. While these policies remain controversial, physicians are focused on how implementation affects patients and providers, including vulnerable populations.

The American Medical Association, state medical associations, and physician leaders are engaging with state Medicaid agencies to ensure these changes are implemented to minimize disruptions to care and protect access in medically underserved communities.

Please encourage Congress to:

- Provide strong oversight of implementation to ensure patient access is not compromised
- Support state flexibility and technical assistance to smooth transitions and reduce provider instability
- Monitor patient and provider impacts, especially in rural and safety-net settings

AMA recommendations on Medicaid implementation (OBBBA)

- **Maximize automatic, data-driven processes to reduce administrative burden** by using ex parte processes and existing data sources to conduct renewals and verify eligibility before requiring beneficiary paperwork, and by preventing eligible patients from losing coverage.
- **Provide safeguards, flexibility and technical support to states** to minimize procedural errors and avoidable coverage losses.
- **Maintain transparency through monitoring and public reporting;** continue publishing renewal and disenrollment data to identify system challenges early and promote accountability.
- **Coordinate overlapping eligibility requirements and communications;** align more frequent renewals with new community engagement requirements aimed at ensuring patients receive timely, accessible communications through multiple channels.

How the AMA is supporting state-level Medicaid implementation

- Developing advocacy resources with analysis of statutory and regulatory changes, implementation timelines and key state decision points.
- Providing technical assistance and advocacy support to state and specialty medical associations.
- Convening Federation partners to share implementation strategies, data and best practices.

The AMA has launched a webpage with additional information on OBBBA and related advocacy efforts: ama-assn.org/OB3

The AMA remains committed to working with federal and state policymakers to ensure Medicaid implementation protects patient access to care and supports the physicians who serve Medicaid communities.