

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT CHANGES

Here are key modifications introduced by the 2025 federal budget bill – known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act – that affect major health care programs.

PROGRAM	CHANGE	EFFECTIVE DATE(S)
Medicaid	10-year moratorium (through 2034) on certain eligibility and enrollment regulations meant to streamline coverage	July 4, 2025
	New eligibility and address verification requirements, including ensuring deceased persons don't remain enrolled (See also "New Immigrant Eligibility Provisions," page 14.)	Jan. 1, 2027
	Medicaid retroactive coverage timeframe shortens from three months to two months in Texas (and to just one month for expansion population enrollees in Medicaid expansion states)	Jan. 1, 2027
	New requirement ensuring deceased physicians don't remain enrolled	Jan. 1, 2027
	New option available for states to create a waiver to expand home and community-based services for those who do not meet an institutional level of care need	Jan. 1, 2027
Children's Health Insurance Program	10-year moratorium (through 2034) on certain eligibility and enrollment regulations	July 4, 2025
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace Health Plans	ACA enhanced Advance Premium Tax Credits scheduled to expire (as of this writing)	Dec. 31, 2025
	Low-income special enrollment periods eliminated; other special enrollment periods limited	Jan. 1, 2026
Rural Health	Deadline for states applying for Rural Health Transformation Program grants	Nov. 5, 2025
	CMS deadline for choosing Rural Health Transformation Program grant recipients	Dec. 31, 2025
Direct Patient Care	New changes that allow patients to pay for certain direct primary care fees with health savings account funds	Jan. 1, 2026
Medical Student Loans	New caps on federal student loans limit borrowing for medical students to \$50,000 per year with a total limit of \$200,000 (and a federal loan limit of \$257,500 for all levels of higher education after high school); Grad PLUS loan program eliminated for new borrowers (See "Cap at Hand," page 25.)	July 1, 2026