



POLICY & POLITICS MONTHLY WEBINAR:

# Spring Edition

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# Speakers

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# Congressional – What We're Watching

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- **Budget reconciliation process**
  - Status: FY25 Budget Resolution has been adopted; House Committees beginning to mark up legislation this week
- **Debt Limit X-date**
  - Status: TBD
- **H.R. 2002, the MATCH IT Act**
  - Status: introduced in the House on March 10th
- **Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act (CISA 2015) reauthorization**
  - Status: expires on Sept. 30th
- **Telehealth flexibilities**
  - Status: expires on Sept. 30th
- **Possible healthcare package?**

# Budget Reconciliation

- The House and Senate passed identical budget resolutions which include reconciliation instructions
  - Senate: April 5, House: April 10
- House Committees begin markups this week; will then need to pass one bill on the House floor
- Process on the Senate side is more unclear
- Original goal: Memorial Day; new goal: July 4

House Committee	Date	Instruction
Agriculture	May 8	Cut at least \$230 billion
Armed Services	April 29	Spend up to \$100 billion
Education & Workforce	April 29	Cut at least \$330 billion
E&C	May 7	Cut at least \$880 billion
Financial Services	April 30	Cut at least \$1 billion
Homeland Security	April 29	Spend up to \$90 billion
Judiciary	April 30	Spend up to \$110 billion
Natural Resources	May 6	Cut at least \$1 billion
Oversight	April 30	Cut at least \$50 billion
T&I	April 30	Cut at least \$10 billion
Ways and Means	May 12-13	Spend up to \$4.5 trillion, can increase debt limit by \$4 trillion



# Advocacy Opportunity – Patient ID Funding Ban

**What:** The [Patient ID Now Coalition](#), of which CHIME is a founding member, is sending a letter to House and Senate appropriators, urging them to remove an archaic provision (known as Section 510) from the FY 2026 Labor-HHS Appropriations bill that has prohibited the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) from establishing a national strategy for patient identification.

**How you can help:** CHIME is urging our members to have your organizations sign this [letter](#). Last year, more than 150 healthcare industry stakeholders agreed to sign a similar letter ([House](#) and [Senate](#)).

**Deadline:** COB Wednesday, April 30th. Email Cassie at [cballard@chimecentral.org](mailto:cballard@chimecentral.org) to be added!



# Patient ID Week 2025 – May 12-16


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- Patient ID Week will be held May 12 – May 16
- Sponsored by the Patient ID Now Coalition
- Congressional briefing in DC on May 13th to educate hill staff on the MATCH IT Act introduced by Reps. Mike Kelly and Bill Foster
  - All are welcome!
- MATCH IT Act [one-pager](#)
- Follow the Patient ID Now Coalition on LinkedIn and X
- #PatientIDNow

**CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING**

**THE PERFECT MATCH:**  
Solving Patient Misidentification Challenges with the MATCH IT Act

**MAY 13, 2025 | 12 - 1 PM**  
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# Federal – What We're Watching

## Today marks 100 days into President Trump's second term in office

DOGE, tariffs, deregulation, reorganization, and more!

- HIPAA Security Rule proposal (Biden administration)
  - Not yet rescinded (officially)
  - CHIME & other provider stakeholders requested rescission in February ([here](#))
  - CHIME comment letter on proposal [here](#)
  - HSCC requested the Administration start over and engage in a collaborative process with the sector (press release [here](#))

- White House "[Review and Repeal](#)" effort; directing agencies to repeal regulations
  - OMB [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) on "ideas for deregulation"
  - Comments due May 12
- HHS Reorganization
- CIRCA final rule required by this fall; outlook uncertain
- Annual payment regulations to continue (as required by law)

# Proposed Payment Regulation – IPPS FY 2026

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- CMS issued the annual proposed rule to update the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Medicare payment and policies for the hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS)
  - **CHIME Cheat Sheet [here!](#)**
- Included [a Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) in the proposal on approaches and opportunities to streamline regulations and reduce burdens on those participating in the Medicare program





# Promoting Interoperability (PI) Program Proposals

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## Proposed Updates to the Medicare Promoting Interoperability (PI) Program

- 180-day EHR reporting period in CY 2026 (no change) / performance-based scoring threshold at least 80 points beginning in CY 2026 (no change)
- Modify the Security Risk Analysis measure to include requirement to attest "yes" to having conducted security risk management in addition to security risk analysis, beginning in CY 2026
- Safety Assurance Factors for EHR Resilience (SAFER) Guides measure by requiring to attest "yes" to using all eight [2025 SAFER Guides](#), beginning in CY 2026
- Proposing to add an optional bonus measure under Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange objective for data exchange to occur with a public health agency (PHA) using the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA), beginning CY 2026
- RFIs include – Query of PDMP Measure; Toward Digital Quality Measurement in CMS Quality Programs (path to dQM transition, implementing FHIR)

# Friends of CHIME's Policy Steering Committee (PSC)

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- Brand new group open to CHIME members and foundation firms.
- Meetings will be held the third Tuesday of every month from 11:00-12:00 p.m. ET starting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- This is a great opportunity to stay informed, engage with fellow policy-minded leaders, and help shape CHIME's advocacy efforts.
- Email [policy@chimecentral.org](mailto:policy@chimecentral.org) to be added to the calendar appointment!



# Stay in Touch With Our Team

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✓ Check out our resources at:  
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