

POLICY & POLITICS MONTHLY WEBINAR:

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Congressional – What We're Watching

- 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 <u>letter</u>. Last year, more than 150 healthcare industry stakeholders agreed to sign a similar letter (<u>House</u> and <u>Senate</u>).

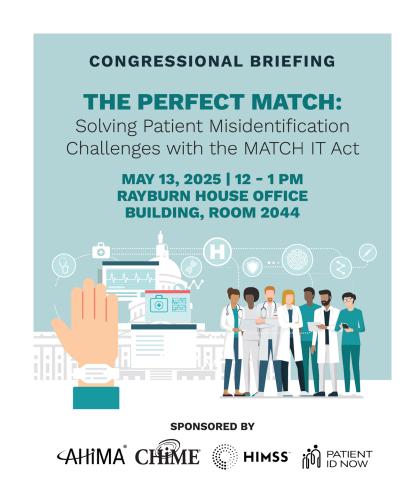
Deadline: COB Wednesday, April 30th. Email Cassie at cballard@chimecentral.org to be added!





Patient ID Week 2025 – May 12-16

- 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 <u>one-pager</u>
- Follow the Patient ID Now Coalition on LinkedIn and X
- #PatientIDNow





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 (<u>here</u>)
 - CHIME comment letter on proposal <u>here</u>
 - HSCC requested the Administration start over and engage in a collaborative process with the sector (press release <u>here</u>)

- White House <u>"Review and Repeal"</u> effort; directing agencies to repeal regulations
 - OMB <u>Request for Information (RFI)</u> on "ideas for deregulation"
 - o Comments due May 12
- HHS Reorganization
- CIRCIA final rule required by this fall;
 outlook uncertain
- Annual payment regulations to continue (as required by law)



Proposed Payment Regulation – IPPS FY 2026

- 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 <u>here!</u>
- 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

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)

- 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 20th.
- This is a great opportunity to stay informed, engage with fellow policy-minded leaders, and help shape CHIME's advocacy efforts.
- Email <u>policy@chimecentral.org</u> to be added to the calendar appointment!





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