

## STATE AND FEDERAL UPDATE

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# Agenda State and Federal Update



State and Federal Election Recap



The Impact on Healthcare



Commonwealth State Budget



Pennsylvania Legislative, Policy & Regulatory Agenda



What's ahead for PA?

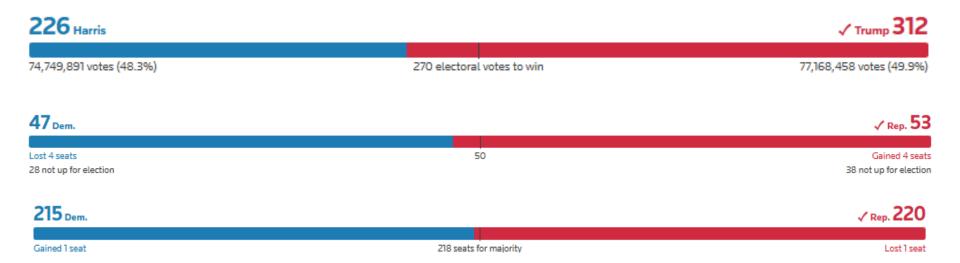


Q&A / Open Discussion





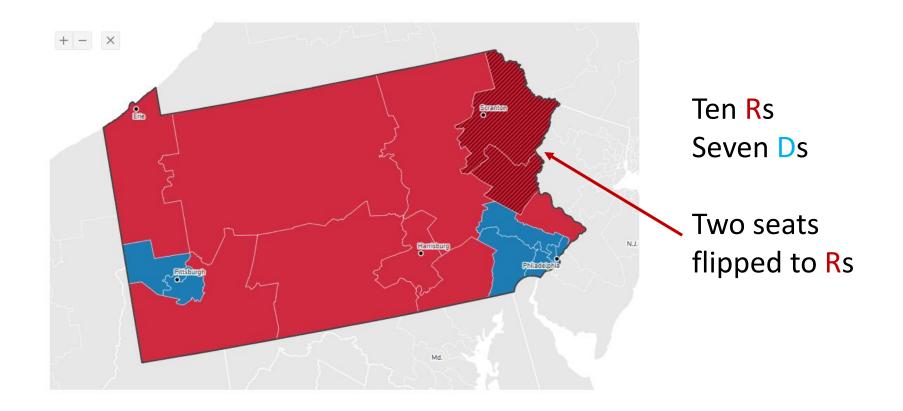
# Federal Update Election Recap – Red Wave







# Federal Update PA Congressional House





# Federal Update Election Recap





## Senate and House Leadership

#### **U.S. Senate**



#### **U.S. House of Representatives**











...filling around 4,000 government positions with political appointees, people who are specifically tapped for their jobs by Trump's team...





# Federal Update Tracking the Cabinet Picks...



JD Vance Vice president



Doug Burgum Interior



Marco Rubio State



Brooke Rollins Agriculture



Scott Bessent Treasury



Howard Lutnick Commerce



Pete Hegseth Defense



Lori Chavez-DeRemer Labor



Pam Bondi Attorney general



Robert F. Kennedy Jr. HHS





# Federal Update Tracking the Cabinet Picks...



Scott Turner Housing



Kristi Noem Homeland security



Sean Duffy Transportation



Susie Wiles Chief of staff



Chris Wright Energy



Lee Zeldin **EPA** 



Linda McMahon Education



Tulsi Gabbard National intelligence



Doug Collins Veterans affairs



Jamieson Greer U.S. Trade



## Health and Human Services Federal Policy & Regulatory Oversight



Health and Human Services Department

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Aging Administration

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Child Support Enforcement Office

Children and Families Administration

Community Living Administration

Food and Drug Administration

Health Care Finance Administration

Health Resources and Services Administration

Indian Health Service

National Institutes of Health

National Library of Medicine

**Program Support Center** 

Public Health Service

Refugee Resettlement Office

Strategic Preparedness and Response Administration

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration





# CMS Federal Policy & Regulatory Oversight



## Trump wants Dr. Oz as CMS Administrator



The impact to healthcare...



# CMS Administrator Federal Policy & Regulatory Oversight (hospitals)



- ✓ Inpatient and Long-Term Care Hospital Rule
- ✓ Outpatient Rule
- ✓ Physician Fee Schedule Rule
- ✓ Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
- ✓ Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
- ✓ Home Health Rule
- ✓ Other rules and regs:
  - ✓ Managed Care; ACA provisions; Other payment / policy & regulatory rules/clarification.





### Federal Policy & Regulatory Issues

## Industry-Focus...Four Key Areas

- o Consumer transparency
- o Collection practices/debt rescue
- o New payment technologies
- o Data privacy/security
- ✓ Energy & Environment —
- o Regulatory Approval & Oversight
- o Environmental Impact
- o Energy Sources "Traditional" vs. "Green"

✓ <u>Technology</u>

- o Data Privacy
- o Consumer Protection
- o Antitrust

✓ Healthcare



## Healthcare-Focus



- ✓ Consolidation
- ✓ Role of private equity and venture capital
- ✓ Data privacy/security and health information
- ✓ Cost of care
- ✓ Medicaid fraud
- ✓ Access to Care
- ✓ AI (\$500B for AI infrastructure)
- ✓ Reproductive Health



#### Healthcare-Focus



#### **Executive Branch**

- ✓ ACA Obamacare / Marketplace (close to 1M signed up in open enrollment) – Replace with a system "much better, stronger, and far less expensive"...
  - ✓ Reduced Fed Share to states?
- ✓ Reproductive Health / Abortion / IVF / Maternal Health etc...
- ✓ Medicaid \$800B in cost serving 90 million (3M in PA)
- ✓ RX Drugs \$405B
- ✓ Mental Health
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- ✓ Waivers (current and future 1915 and 1115 structure)
- ✓ Eligibility





#### How much does "Healthcare" cost?

#### **Historical National Health Expenditures (NHE), 2023:**

- ✓ NHE grew 7.5% to \$4.9 trillion in 2023, or \$14,570 per person, and accounted for 17.6% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- ✓ Medicare spending grew 8.1% to \$1,029.8 billion in 2023, or 21 percent of total NHE.
- ✓ Medicaid spending grew 7.9% to \$871.7 billion in 2023, or 18 percent of total NHE.
- ✓ Private health insurance spending grew 11.5% to \$1,464.6 billion in 2023, or 30 percent of total NHE.
- ✓ Out of pocket spending grew 7.2% to \$505.7 billion in 2023, or 10 percent of total NHE.
- ✓ Other Third-Party Payers and Programs and Public Health Activity spending declined 3.1% in 2023 to \$563.4 billion, or 12 percent of total NHE.





#### How much does "Healthcare" cost?

#### **Historical NHE, 2023:**

- ✓ Hospital expenditures grew 10.4% to \$1,519.7 billion in 2023, faster than the 3.2% growth in 2022.
- ✓ Physician and clinical services expenditures grew 7.4% to \$978.0 billion in 2023, faster growth than the 4.6% in 2022.
- ✓ Prescription drug spending increased 11.4% to \$449.7 billion in 2023, faster than the 7.8% growth in 2022.
- ✓ The largest shares of total health spending were sponsored by the federal government (32 percent) and the households (27 percent). The private business share of health spending accounted for 18 percent of total health care spending, state and local governments accounted for 16 percent, and other private revenues accounted for 7 percent.





# Pennsylvania State Elections





# A National **RED** Wave, but not so much on the State Level



#### Republicans did sweep the "Row Offices"

• Attorney General, Auditor General and State Treasurer.

PA House remains at 102-101 – D\*

PA Senate remains at 28-22 - R

Josh Shapiro remains Governor - D





# Pennsylvania House and Senate Leadership





## PA HOUSE



## Leadership

#### **PA HOUSE**

Speaker of the House: Rep. Joanna McClinton (D-Philadelphia)

#### Republican Leadership:

- Leader: Jesse Topper (R-Bedford)
- Whip: Tim O'Neal (R-Washington)
- Appropriations Chairman: Jim Struzzi (R-Indianna)
- Caucus Chair: Martina White (R-Philadelphia)
- Caucus Secretary: Clint Owlett (R-Tioga)
- Caucus Administrator: Sheryl Delozier (R-Cumberland)
- Policy Chair: David Rowe (R-Union)



## PA HOUSE



### Leadership

#### **PA HOUSE**

#### **Democrat Leadership:**

- Leader: Matt Bradford (D-Montgomery)
- Whip: Mike Schlossberg (D-Lehigh)
- Appropriations Chair: Jordan Harris (D- Philadelphia)
- Caucus Chair: Rob Matzie (D-Beaver)
- Secretary: Tina Davis (D-Bucks)
- Administrator: Leanne Krueger (D-Delaware)
- Policy Chair: Ryan Bizzarro (D- Erie)



### PA SENATE



### Leadership

#### **PA SENATE**

President Pro Tempore: Kim Ward (R-Westmoreland)

#### Senate Republican Leadership:

- Leader: Joe Pittman (R-Indiana)
- Whip: Ryan Aument (R-Lancaster)
- Approps Chair: Scott Martin (R-Lancaster)
- Caucus Chair: Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York)
- Caucus Sec: Camera Bartolotta (R-Washington)
- Caucus Administrator: Lisa Baker (R-Luzerne)
- Policy Chair: Dan Laughlin (R-Erie)



## PA SENATE



### Leadership

#### **PA SENATE**

#### Senate Democratic Leadership:

- Leader: Jay Costa (D-Allegheny)
- Whip: Tina Tartaglione (D-Philadelphia)
- Approps Chair: Vincent Hughes (D-Philadelphia)
- Caucus Chair: Maria Collett (D-Montgomery)
- Caucus Secretary: Steve Santarsiero (D-Bucks)
- Caucus Administrator: Judy Schwank (D-Berks)
- Policy Chair: Nick Miller (D-Lehigh)



### **Divided Government**





The impact to healthcare...







<b>HEALTHCARE</b>
LANDSCAPE

The Medicaid program

Medicaid redeterminations

Managed Care

**Outdated Fee Schedules** 

**Provider Taxes** 

Consolidation

**Physician Issues** 

Workforce challenges / Labor Market

**Patient Access** 

Mental Health / Behavioral Health

Artificial Intelligence, Al





## 2023-2024 Pennsylvania Legislative Session

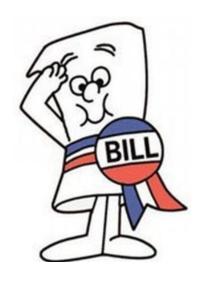
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## 2025-2026 Pennsylvania Legislative Session

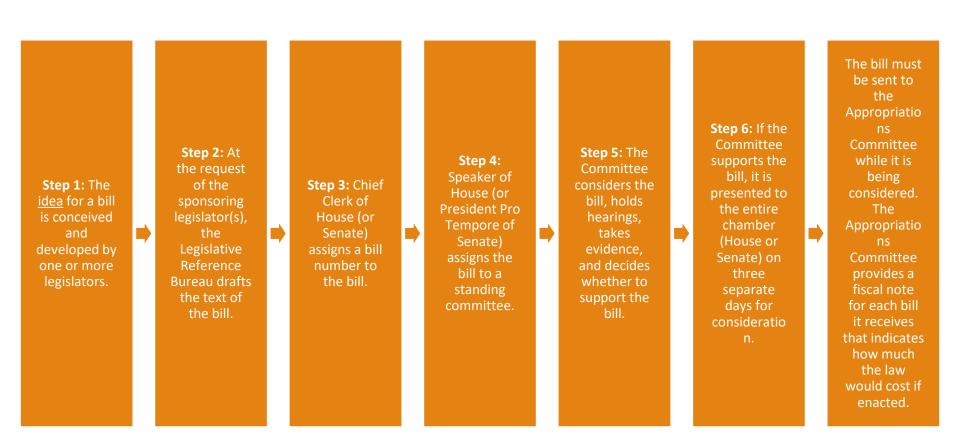
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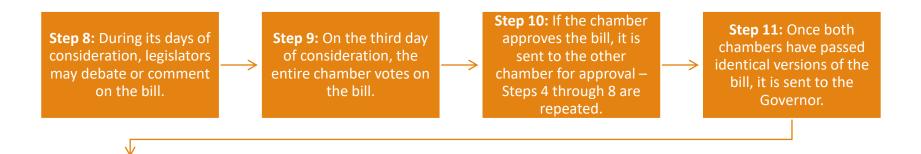






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Process Steps, Cont'd



**Step 12:** If the Governor signs the bill, it <u>becomes</u> <u>law</u> and is given at "Act" number.





## 2023-2024 Laws Enacted – Select Healthcare



#### **Selected healthcare legislation enacted in 2023:**

- Enhanced insurance coverage for BRCA testing and Breast Cancer screenings (SB8 Now Act 1)
- Maternal mortality (SB262 Now <u>Act 5</u>)
- Military transition medic to civilian EMT/paramedic (HB404 Now <u>Act 13</u>)
- Human Services Code of 2023 increased ambulance reimbursements, reauthorized QCA, continued
   Rural Health Redesign Center (HB1351 Now <u>Act 15</u>)
- Informed consent (HB507 Now <u>Act 31</u>)
- MA coverage for donor human milk (HB500 Now <u>Act 32</u>)
- Urine drug screening and xylazine awareness (SB683 Now Act 43)
- Removing duplicative health centers (HB1131 Now <u>Act 50</u>)
- Expanding access to Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SB414 Now Act 59)
- Staffing flexibility for licensed addition treatment programs (SB941 Now <u>Act 66</u>)



## 2023-2024 Laws Enacted – Select Healthcare



#### **Selected healthcarelegislation enacted in 2024:**

- Licensed associate marriage and family therapists (HB1564 Now Act 4)
- Enhancing the supply of plasma (HB1795 Now Act 6)
- Biomarkers (HB 1754 Now <u>Act 39</u>)
- Telemedicine (SB 739 Now <u>Act 42</u>)
- Virtual credit card (HB 1664 Now <u>Act 58</u>)
- Noncompete (HB1633 Now Act 74)
- Collaboration btw DOH & nursing homes (HB1853 Now <u>Act 75</u>)
- PBM transparency & pharmacy services (HB 1993 Now Act 77)
- Licensure compacts background checks (HB 2200 Now <u>Act 79</u>)
- Athletic trainers (SB559 | SB560 Now <u>Act 83</u> & <u>Act 84</u>)



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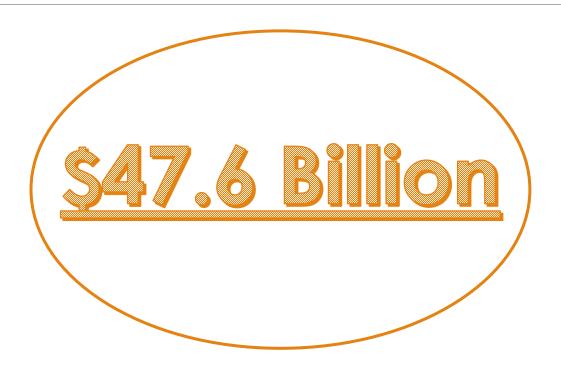
#### Selected healthcare legislation enacted in 2024, cont'd:

- Increasing home care workforce (HB155 Now <u>Act 96</u>)
- Wholesale prescription drug distributors license (HB2084 Now <u>Act 101</u>)
- Perinatal and postpartum education (HB2127 Now <u>Act 102</u>)
- Speech therapy for stuttering (HB2268 Now <u>Act 104</u>)
- Certified medication aids (SB668 Now <u>Act 109</u>)
- Alzheimer's, dementia, and related disorders (SB840 Now <u>Act 111</u>)
- Counterterrorism planning and preparedness response (HB843 Now <u>Act 113</u>)
- Medicaid coverage for doulas (HB1608 Now <u>Act 115</u>)
- Sexual Assault Training and Evidence Collection Act (SB920 Now <u>Act 122</u>)
- Pronouncement of death by an LPN and fees for copies (SB1080 Now Act 137)



# FY 2024-2025 State Budget Recap







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# FY 2022-2025 State <u>General Fund</u> Budget Trending

FY 25 \$47.6B
FY 24 \$45.0B
FY 23 \$42.7B
FY 22 \$40.8B

State-only fund, five-year growth of > 20%







## **Potential State Budget Investments**

<b>Tuesday</b>
Feb 4,
2025

Education

Healthcare / Waivers (1115)

**Economic Development** 

Transportation

**Hospital Regs** 

**Unknown Issues** 



# It's all about the revenue...



#### 2024-25 Enacted State General Fund Financial Statement

	in thousand	

			2022-23 <u>Actual</u>		2023-24 <u>Actual</u>		2024-25 <u>Available</u>
(1)	Beginning Balance	\$	5,537,421	Ś	8,084,871	Ś	6,632,089
(2)	Adjustments to Beginning Balance	•	9,000	*	75,000	*	74,000
(3)	Revenue Actuals/Estimates		44,917,148		45,473,489		46,087,400
(4)	Federal Stimulus		2,161,223		525,966		40,087,400
	Refunds						- /1 759 000\
(5)		_	(1,489,400)	_	(1,986,600)	_	(1,758,000)
(6)	Total Balance and Revenues		51,135,392		52,172,726		51,035,489
(7)	Prior-Year Lapses	_	810,000		587,026		250,000
(8)	Funds Available		51,945,392		52,759,752		51,285,489
(9)	Enacted Expenditures		40,800,979		45,022,342		47,672,974
(10)	Estimated Supplemental Appropriations				(107,544)		
(11)	Federal Stimulus		2,161,223		525,966		
(12)	Total Expenditures		42,962,202		45,440,764		47,672,974
(13)	Current-Year Lapses				(50,000)		
(14)	Preliminary Balance		8,983,190		7,368,988		3,612,515
(15)	Transfer to the Rainy Day Fund		(898,319)		(736,899)		(361,252)
(16)	Ending Balance	\$	8,084,871	\$	6,632,089	\$	3,251,263



# It's all about the revenue...



### All ARPA SLFRF Funding Appropriated, Most Already Spent

• Funding must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026

#### As of December 13, 2024:

Total Appropriated: \$7.291 Billion (100% of total funds)
 Obligated Funds: \$7.204 Billion (99% of total funds)
 Expenditures: \$6.837 Billion (94% of total funds)

#### Key Uses Include:

- Supporting the state budget in 2021-22
- Local Law Enforcement Grants
- Highway and Safety Capital Projects
- Long-Term Living Programs
- Property Tax Rent Rebate





## The IFO Take...

#### **General Fund Financial Statement**

Fiscal Year	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30
Fiscal Year Revenues	\$45,894	\$46,676	\$47,685	\$48,561	\$49,779	\$51,046
Less Refunds	<u>-1,900</u>	-1,560	-1,540	<u>-1,570</u>	<u>-1,600</u>	<u>-1,640</u>
Net Revenues	43,994	45,116	46,145	46,991	48,179	49,406
State Expenditures	-47,669	-49,783	-51,585	-53,160	-54,665	-56,261
Adjustment for Lapses <sup>1</sup>	<u>250</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
Fiscal Year Deficit	-3,425	-4,467	-5,240	-5,969	-6,286	-6,655
Policy Impacts After Base Year	<u>o</u>	<u>-331</u>	-693	-1,088	-1,509	-1,958
CNIT Rate Reduction/NOL Cap	0	-269	-586	-963	-1,368	-1,814
New/Expanded Transfers	0	-7	-17	-27	-27	-27
New/Expanded Tax Credits	0	-55	-89	-97	-114	-116
General Fund Ending Balance <sup>2</sup>	2,950	0	0	0	0	0
Rainy Day Fund Ending Balance	7,191	6,149	932	0	0	0





## The WRAP UP...

