

# Federal Policy & Budget Updates

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# Federal Healthcare Policy Updates

- 🍃 Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Medicaid
- 🍃 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- 🍃 Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program

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## Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Medicaid

-  March 24, 2017 – postponed ACA Repeal vote in the U.S. House of Representatives
-  May 4, 2017 – successful ACA Repeal vote in the U.S. House of Representatives (217-213)
-  July 28, 2017 – failed ACA Repeal vote in the U.S. Senate (49-51)
-  September 26, 2017 – canceled vote on Graham-Cassidy

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**OBAMACARE  
IS THE LAW  
OF THE LAND**

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- Advocacy Works! ACA repeal is dormant, if not defeated!
  - Thousands of calls
  - Dozens of protests and rallies
  - Earned media throughout the state
  - Constant social media presence
  - Coordination across the state and with national partners
  - Over 100 organizations in Protect Our Care Illinois Coalition (PoC IL)
  - Over 1000 individual members in PoC IL Coalition



**PROTECT OUR CARE IL**

Call Governor Rauner. Tell him to stand up for Illinoisans and publicly oppose TrumpCare. (217) 782-0244

Call Congress. Tell them to stand up for Illinoisans and vote no on TrumpCare. (866) 877-3303

protectourcareil.org

The graphic features a dark blue background with a red outline of Illinois at the top left. Below the title are five circular portraits of men in suits, some with American flags in the background. The text is in white and red, providing contact information for Governor Rauner and Congress.

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## “Let ObamaCare implode”



**Donald J. Trump** ✓

@realDonaldTrump






 Follow



3 Republicans and 48 Democrats let the American people down. As I said from the beginning, let ObamaCare implode, then deal. Watch!

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## Deliberate actions to undermine the ACA


-  Former HHS Secretary Tom Price's Anti-ACA Campaign
  -  Using funds earmarked for “consumer information and outreach” HHS began to air a series of testimonial videos featuring people allegedly “harmed” by the ACA
-  Trump Administration announced it would reduce funding for marketplace advertisements and outreach
  -  Federal marketing cut by 90% from \$100m to \$10m
  -  Illinois navigator awardees saw funding cut by 31%, nearly \$800,000



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-  Open enrollment cut in half from three months to six weeks, Nov. 1- Dec. 15

-  Shutting down HealthCare.gov website  
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 - overnight  
Sundays 12am-12pm ET, except on December 10, 2017

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- 🍃 Deliberate actions to undermine the ACA
  - 🍃 Executive Order: creates a loophole for groups and individuals to buy skimpier health plans
    - 🍃 Expands short-term, unregulated plans
  - 🍃 Ending Cost-Sharing Subsidies (CSRs) for insurance marketplace plans
    - 🍃 Insurers in Illinois assumed CSRs would be cut in their 2018 proposed Marketplace rates
    - 🍃 This is responsible for big premium increases and potential destabilization down the line

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- 🍃 What's next for the ACA and Medicaid?
  - 🍃 Strengthening the individual market
  - 🍃 Hands Off Medicaid and the ACA!
    - 🍃 I AM MEDICAID Campaign
    - 🍃 [HB4165](#) – Due No Harm bill
  - 🍃 Road to universal coverage

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- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
  - Provides health insurance for nearly nine million children each year across the US (~325,000 children in IL)
  - Federally-funded, state-administered block grant, works with Medicaid
  - Funding expired September 30, 2017
  - States started running out of money at the end of 2017
  - Between February and March 2018, CHIP was funded for another 10 years through the last 2 Continuing Resolutions passed by Congress and signed by the President!**



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- 🌿 Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program
  - 🌿 Supports pregnant women and at-risk families with children from birth to age 5
  - 🌿 ~1 100 children served in IL
  - 🌿 **Through the same continuing resolution that funded CHIP between February and March 2018, MIECHV was funded for an additional 5 years**

# Federal Budget Updates

- 🍃 FY18 Omnibus Appropriations bill
  - Passed March 23, 2018
  - Removed Sequestration Caps
  - Increases Non-Defense Discretionary Spending by \$600m

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## Early Childhood Funding

- \$2.37B increase for the Child Care and Development Block Grant
- \$35m for CCAMPIS
- \$20m for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers
- \$11.4m for IDEA Part C; \$12.8m, for Part B
- \$250m for Preschool Development Grants

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- 🍃 \$3 Billion Increase to Early Childhood Programs
- 🍃 Illinois will receive \$82.8m in additional child care funds beginning this year
- 🍃 Child Care funds must be used to implement provisions of the 2014 CCDBG Reauthorization



# Federal Tax Plan Updates

- 🍃 At the end of 2017, Congress passed one of the largest tax cuts in US history
- 🍃 The tax plan, as predicted, would add \$1.5 trillion to yearly deficit by 2027
- 🍃 A majority of the benefit goes to the top 1%
- 🍃 By 2027, most families making under \$75,000 a year will see a tax increase

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- 🍃 Reduces Corporate rate from 35% to 21%
- 🍃 Repeals the Individual Mandate
- 🍃 Doubles the standard deduction, but eliminates the personal exemption
- 🍃 Caps state and local taxes (SALT) deductions to \$10,000

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- 🍃 Child Tax Credit is doubled to \$2,000, \$1,400 of which is refundable
- 🍃 Estate tax exemption is doubled
- 🍃 Individual tax cuts are temporary; the corporate rate cut is permanent.
- 🍃 Watch for big changes when you file your 2018 taxes in 2019.

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## The Republican Two-Step Fiscal Agenda

**Step 1:** Cut taxes for the rich now, driving up deficits

GOP tax framework would give 80% of its tax cuts to top 1% of households, according to Tax Policy Center, and add at least \$1.5 trillion to deficits.

**Step 2:** Use higher deficits to justify cuts in critical programs, such as:

- Rental assistance
- Medicaid
- Food assistance through SNAP
- Education

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