

Federal Landscape: Outlook

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Key Federal Issues Related to Health

- 1. Farm Bill**
- 2. Immigration Proposals**
- 3. Private Insurance/ACA**
- 4. Women's Health**
- 5. Medicaid**

Community Catalyst

National, non-profit consumer advocacy organization founded in 1998 with the belief that affordable quality health care should be accessible to everyone.

Working in more than 40 states, Community Catalyst has built a consumer health advocacy movement from the ground up.

Our goal is to ensure consumers have an organized voice and a seat at the table wherever decisions about health and health care are made: in communities, courtrooms, statehouses and on Capitol Hill.

Farm Bill Update

- **House bill overview**
 - Work requirements for SNAP
- **Immigration tied to floor vote**
 - No floor vote on Farm w/o Immigration
- **Senate bill emerges**
 - Bipartisan approach strips work requirements

Immigration Proposals

- **Immigration proposal coupled with Farm**
 - Freedom Caucus leverage on Farm vote
 - Disagreement among Republicans about Dreamers
- **Public Charge**
- **Child-Parent Separation**
 - Border issues – trauma concerns for children and families

Private Insurance

- **Short-Term Plans & Association Plans**
 - Requests to alter approach based on CBO
 - Rule expected soon
- **Preexisting Conditions**
 - DOJ refuses to defend ACA protection
- **1557 or Anti-Discrimination Provision**
 - Anticipated changes

Women's Health

- **Title X**

- Provides important funding for family planning and reproductive services for low-income and uninsured people

- **Changes to Title X**

- Requires physical distance
- Providers barred from referrals to abortion services

Medicaid

- **Graham-Cassidy Proposal**
 - Still floating around
- **1115 Waiver Requests**
 - Work requirements
 - Non-expansion states

Calendar

- **August Recess**
 - Judicial nominations backup
- **Mid-term election**
 - Lame duck Congress

Questions?

