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Budget Policy Deadlines

Upcoming Fiscal Policy Inflection Points, 2026 through 2034

A calendar of statutory expirations, authorizations, and program changes scheduled across the federal budget.

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2026	
December 11	**FY 2027 continuing resolution expires.**
December 11	**Surface transportation authorization expires.**
December 11	**National Flood Insurance Program authorities expire.**
December 11	**Grain Standards Act and Food for Peace authorizations expire.**
December 11	**Certain veterans' health care extensions expire.**
December 11	**Defense Production Act, EPA Toxic Substances Control Act fee authority, and selected cybersecurity authorities expire.**
December 31	**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding expires.**
December 31	**Medicare physician 2.5% payment increase expires.**
December 31	**Health extenders expire.** Community health center, National Health Service Corps, and Special Diabetes Program funding expires. Medicare-dependent and expanded low-volume hospital payments expire. Physician work geographic adjustment floor and laboratory payment-cut delay expire.
December 31	**Export-Import Bank authority to conduct new business expires.**
December 31	**Construction must begin to qualify for the CHIPS investment credit.**

2027	
January 1	**Farm subsidy "permanent law" suspension ends, beginning with dairy.**

2027	
January 1	**OBBB Medicaid eligibility and program integrity provisions take effect, including community engagement requirements for able-bodied adults, six-month eligibility redeterminations for expansion adults, and limited retroactive coverage.**
January 1	**Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidy eligibility narrows for noncitizens.**
January 1	**IRA Medicare price controls take effect for 15 additional Part D drugs.**
January 4	**Medicare coverage ends for certain previously eligible noncitizens.**
March	**$41.1 trillion debt limit projected to be reached (Fiscal Lab projection).**
July 1	**Statutory repeal of the $800 de minimis customs exemption takes effect.** Administrative suspension already applies.
September 30	**Food and Drug Administration (FDA) drug and medical device user fee authorities expire.**
September 30	**Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting funding expires.**
September 30	**Medicaid extenders and delay of disproportionate share hospital (DSH) reductions expire.** Includes enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for Puerto Rico, Money Follows the Person, and home and community-based services (HCBS) spousal impoverishment protections.
October 1	**Food Stamp state benefit cost sharing begins, based on improper payment rates.**
October 1	**Medicaid provider-tax safe harbor phases down to 5.5% in expansion states.**
Fall	**Debt-limit X-Date projected to be reached (Fiscal Lab projection).**
December 31	**Temporary Medicare telehealth flexibilities and ambulance add-on payments expire.**
December 31	**Construction must begin to qualify for the clean hydrogen production credit.**
December 31	**Wind and solar projects must enter service to qualify for tax credits.** Applies to projects beginning construction after July 4, 2026.
December 31	**Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) claims filing closes.**

2028	
January 1	**Grandfathered Medicaid state-directed payments begin phasing down.** A 10-percentage-point annual phase-down begins with rating periods starting on or after this date.
January 1	**IRA Medicare price controls take effect for 15 additional Part B or Part D drugs.**
September 30	**Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) authorization expires.**
September 30	**Most Highway Trust Fund motor-fuel taxes expire.**
October 1	**Medicaid provider-tax safe harbor phases down to 5% in expansion states.**
October 1	**Medicaid cost sharing begins for expansion adults above the poverty level.**
December 31	**OBBB deductions for tips, overtime, car-loan interest, and seniors expire.**
December 31	**Trump Account $1,000 government contribution birth-date eligibility window closes.**
December 31	**Construction of manufacturing structures must begin to qualify for OBBB full expensing.**
December 31	**RECA Fund sunsets.**
2028 estimate	**Highway Trust Fund reserves projected to be exhausted (CBO).**

2029	
January 1	**IRA Medicare price controls take effect for up to 20 additional drugs annually.**
September 30	**OBBB defense and border security funding and Secure America Act funding expire.**
September 30	**NASA must obligate all $9.995 billion in OBBB funding.**
October 1	**Medicaid provider-tax safe harbor phases down to 4.5% in expansion states.**
December 31	**Clean fuel production credit expires.**
December 31	**Higher state and local tax (SALT) deduction cap expires; cap returns to $10,000 in 2030.**

2030	
September 30	**Acute Hospital Care at Home initiative expires.**
September 30	**Final year of new Rural Health Transformation Program funding ends.**
October 1	**Medicaid provider-tax safe harbor phases down to 4% in expansion states.**
December 31	**Qualifying manufacturing structures must enter service to receive OBBB full expensing.**
December 31	**Wind and solar continuity safe harbor ends for qualifying projects begun in 2026.** Projects may still qualify under a facts-and-circumstances test.

2031	
October 1	**Medicaid provider-tax safe harbor phases down to 3.5% in expansion states.**
2031 crop year	**Farm Bill commodity and dairy program extensions from OBBB end after the 2031 crop year.**

2032	
Fourth quarter	**Social Security (OASI) reserves are projected to be depleted.** Trustees project 78% of scheduled benefits payable, a 22% shortfall.

2033	
Second quarter	**Medicare Hospital Insurance reserves are projected to be depleted.** Trustees project 89% of scheduled expenditures payable, an 11% shortfall.

2034	
September 30	**Moratoria on Biden Medicaid and CHIP eligibility rule provisions end; federal restrictions on state eligibility verifications would come back into effect.**

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