

Executive Orders Signed by President Trump

The Trump administration has issued several executive orders and memoranda that address a broad span of issues, including education, health care, and the economy. Outlined below are the orders expected to have the greatest impact on the human services sector.

Recently Issued Orders

Lowering Prescription Drug Pricing

On April 15, President Trump signed an executive order intended to significantly increase affordability and access to prescription medications. The order includes steps to increase transparency and savings from Medicare Prescription Drug Negotiation Program. It also includes action to stabilize and reduce Medicare Part D premiums, significantly reduce the cost of epinephrine and insulin for low-income and uninsured individuals, and increase the availability of generic and biosimilar medications.

Health

Withdrawing the U.S. from the World Health Organization

On Jan. 20, President Trump signed an executive order to withdraw the U.S. from the World Health Organization (WHO). The order cited the organization's mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic, its failure to adopt urgently needed reforms, and its inability to demonstrate independence from the inappropriate political influence of WHO member states. It also included the sizable payment the U.S. is expected to contribute compared to China.

Enforcement of Sex-Protective Laws

On Jan. 20, President Trump signed an executive order to enforce laws governing sex-based rights, protections, opportunities, and accommodations according to two federally recognized sexes: male and female. Among several steps within the order, it requires agencies to "end the federal funding of gender ideology."

The U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland issued a nationwide preliminary injunction that ensures federal funding cannot be revoked for providers of gender-affirming medical care for individuals younger than 19.

Enforcing the Hyde Amendment

On Jan. 24, President Trump signed an executive order reinforcing the Hyde Amendment, which prevents federal funding from being directed toward elective abortions. It also revoked two executive orders signed by President Biden, [Executive Orders 14076](#) and [14079](#), which were written to protect and promote access to reproductive health care, including abortion.

Gender Affirming Care

On Jan. 28, President Trump signed an executive order condemning gender-affirming care. The order directs the Secretary of the Health and Human Services Department to publish a review of existing literature. It also requires the head of each executive department or agency to ensure that institutions receiving federal research or education grants immediately take appropriate steps to end gender-affirming care. Additionally, TRICARE, Federal Employee Health Benefits, and Postal Service Health Benefits programs will exclude gender-affirming care for minors.

The US District Court for the Western District of Washington issued a preliminary injunction. While in place, medical institutions cannot have their federal funding revoked.

Memorandum to Fulfill the Order of Gender Affirming Care

On Jan. 29, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management issued guidance to fulfill President Trump's Executive Order, [Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government](#). The memorandum required the heads and acting heads of all federal departments and agencies to review all agency programs, contracts, and grants and terminate any that promote or inculcate gender ideology. Among several additional requirements, it orders that any final or pending documents, directives, orders, regulations, materials, forms, communications, statements, and plans that inculcate or promote gender ideology be withdrawn.

Establishing the Make America Healthy Again Commission

On Feb. 13, President Trump signed an executive order to establish the President's Make America Healthy Again Commission. The Commission was created to address critical health challenges, including rising rates of mental health disorders, obesity, diabetes, and other chronic diseases. The order mandates increased research, transparency of findings, and flexibility for health insurance coverage to provide benefits supporting disease prevention. Initially, the Commission will focus on understanding and addressing the childhood chronic disease crisis.

Health Care Pricing

On Feb. 25, President Trump signed an executive order directing the federal government to promote universal access to clear and accurate health care prices. The order also includes steps to increase the enforcement of price transparency requirements and to identify opportunities to empower patients with meaningful price information.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing

On Jan. 20, President Trump signed an executive order directing the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Attorney General, and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to terminate all "discriminatory programs." The order specified diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility mandates, policies, programs, preferences, and activities in the federal government.

Protecting Civil Rights and Merit Based Opportunity

On Jan. 22, President Trump signed an order to terminate diversity, equity, and inclusion preferencing in the federal workforce, contracting, and spending.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is allowing the Trump administration to temporarily implement a ban on diversity, equity, and inclusion programs at federal agencies and businesses with government contracts as the lawsuit continues.

Economy

Cost of Living Crisis

On Jan. 22, President Trump issued a memorandum to deliver emergency price relief for U.S. families, including by drastically lowering the cost of housing and expanding the housing supply. The president additionally ordered the elimination of unnecessary administrative expenses and rent-seeking practices that raise health care costs. The order further included expanding work opportunities and eliminating climate policies that increase the costs of food and fuel.

Education

Ending Indoctrination in Schools

On Jan. 29, President Trump directed the Secretaries of Education, Defense, and Health and Human Services, in consultation with the attorney general, to present a strategy to eliminate federal funding supporting discriminatory or indoctrinatory practices in K-12 schools, particularly around gender and equity ideologies. The strategy will include steps to protect parental rights, rescind federal funds used to support such practices, and outline enforcement mechanisms for violations. The attorney general will also coordinate with state and local authorities to ensure legal actions are taken against any unlawful activities by school officials.

School Choice

On Jan. 29, President Trump directed the Secretary of Education to issue guidance allowing states to use federal formula funds to support K-12 educational choice initiatives. The order also directs the Secretaries of Labor and Education to review discretionary grant programs, including the Child Care and Development Block Grant and Bureau of Indian Education.

COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates

On Feb. 15th, President Trump signed an executive order that maintains that discretionary Federal funds should not be directed toward any educational agency or school, including institutions of higher education, that requires students to receive a COVID-19 vaccination to attend any in-person education program. The order also directs the Secretary of Education to issue guidelines to educational agencies and schools regarding their legal obligations to parental authority, religious freedom, disability accommodations, and equal protection under the law and their impact on coercive COVID-19 school mandates.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness

On March 7, President Trump issued an executive order to prevent individuals employed by organizations with a substantial illegal purpose from becoming eligible for public service loan forgiveness. The order tasks the Secretaries of Education and the Treasury with ensuring the definition of public service excludes organizations that advance illegal immigration, terrorism, discrimination, and public disruptions. It additionally specifies child abuse, including by providing gender-affirming care.

Facilitating the Closure of the Department of Education

On March 20, President Trump issued an executive order directing the Secretary of Education to take all necessary steps to facilitate the closure of the Department of Education. The order intends to return authority over education to the states and their local communities.

Nonprofit Sector

Reviewing Federal Funding to Federal Financial Assistance Programs

On Jan. 27, the Department of the Office of Management and Budget issued a memorandum directing the heads of executive departments and agencies to temporarily pause agency grants, loans, and other financial assistance programs.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia issued a preliminary injunction to stop the memorandum from going into effect.

Reviewing Federal Funding to Nongovernmental Organizations

On Feb. 6, President Trump issued a memorandum to direct the heads of executive departments and agencies to review all funding agencies provide to nongovernmental organizations. Future funding decisions are to align with the United States and the goals of the Trump Administration.

Establishment of the White House Faith Office

On Feb. 7, President Trump created the White House Faith Office to consult with and seek information from experts and various faith and community leaders. The experts and leaders are expected to offer policy recommendations, convene meetings with representatives from the Centers for Faith and additional agencies, and support agencies in developing and implementing training. Among additional responsibilities, they are expected to support and safeguard the right to freely practice one's faith and raise concerns of failures to protect religious liberty.

Elimination of Certain Government Entities

On March 14, President Trump signed an executive order to eliminate certain federal agencies to the greatest extent allowable by law. The order included the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, and the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

Immigration

Protecting the American People Against Invasion

On Jan. 20, President Trump issued an executive order to enforce and execute immigration laws against undocumented immigrants. It also directs the Attorney General and Secretary of Homeland Security to review all federal contracts, grants, and other agreements providing funding to nongovernmental organizations supporting or providing services.

Guaranteeing the States Protection Against Invasion

On Jan. 20, President Trump issued a proclamation to suspend the entry of immigrants across the southern border of the United States, citing public health, safety, and national security concerns and significant costs and constraints to the United States. The order directs the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, to take all appropriate action to repel, repatriate, and remove any individual who does not follow the terms of the order. It additionally prevents individuals from remaining in the United States while pursuing asylum claims.

Realigning the United States Refugee Admissions Program

On Jan. 20, President Trump issued an executive order to suspend the United States Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) until further entry into the United States of refugees aligns with the interests of the United States. The suspension of USRAP took effect on January 27, 2025.

A federal judge issued a preliminary injunction, temporarily blocking the suspension of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

Securing Our Borders

On Jan. 20, President Trump issued an executive order to deter unlawful immigration, including through physical barriers and increased personnel along the southern border of the U.S. The order directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to take all appropriate actions to detain migrants for violations of immigration law until they depart from the U.S. Additionally, it orders the Secretary of Homeland Security to cease the use of CBP One as a method to parole or facilitate the entry of otherwise inadmissible migrants.

Protecting the Meaning and Value of American Citizenship

On Jan. 20, President Trump issued an executive order that will stop the recognition of birthright citizenship for children whose mother was either not lawfully present or held temporary status and whose father was not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident at the time of the child's birth.

The US District Court for the Western District of Washington, the US District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the US District Court for the District of New Hampshire, and the US District Court for the District of Maryland issued federal injunctions to stop the executive order from going into effect.

Immigration Enforcement in Protected Areas

On Jan. 20, the Acting Secretary of Homeland Security issued a policy memo that revokes guidance issued by the Biden Administration surrounding immigration enforcement. The [memoranda issued by the Biden Administration](#) designates protected areas, including but not limited to schools, medical and mental health care facilities, and places of worship. With the exception of certain circumstances, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) were ordered not to take enforcement actions in protected areas. However, the order was suspended by the Trump Administration, directing ICE and CBP agents to use their discretion.

Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders

On Feb. 19, President Trump issued an executive order detailing federal actions to ensure undocumented individuals do not receive public benefits.

Executive Orders Revoked by President Trump

Health

Strengthening Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act

The executive order was signed by President Biden to increase the affordability and accessibility of high-quality health care.

Continuing To Strengthen Americans' Access to Affordable, Quality Health Coverage

The executive order, signed by President Biden, directed executive departments and agencies to review existing Medicaid and Affordable Care Act regulations, orders, guidance documents, and policies to strengthen the affordability and accessibility of high-quality healthcare.

Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for Americans

The executive order was signed by President Biden to identify pathways to lower drug costs and promote access to innovative drug therapies for beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. It directed the Secretary of Health and Human Services to consider health care payment and delivery models that may lead to lower cost-sharing for commonly used drugs and support value-based payment that promotes high-quality care.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government

The executive order was signed by President Biden to recognize and work to redress inequities in federal policies and programs that serve as barriers to equal opportunity. It was supplemented by [Executive Order 14091, Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government](#).

Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation

The executive order was signed by President Biden to prevent and stop discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation, including through overlapping forms of discrimination. The order also took action to fully enforce Title VII and additional laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation.

Guaranteeing an Educational Environment Free from Discrimination on the Basis of Sex, Including Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity

The executive order was signed by President Biden to ensure all students are able to access an educational environment free from sex-based discrimination, including discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Nonprofit Sector

Establishment of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

The executive order was signed by President Biden to empower faith-based and secular organizations to assist in the delivery of vital services in neighborhoods.