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# FY 27 Budget Overview

- **Total Expenditure Authority - \$12,046,247,137** - This is the amount of money OMES and the tax commission estimate lawmakers can appropriate to state agencies for FY 2027. It includes recurring revenues, certified federal funds, unspent general revenue surplus and available cash. It's down nearly \$700 million from last year.
- **Total Recurring Revenues - \$10,948,170,104** - This amount represents the total state-certified and authorized dollars from tax and other revenue streams. It's up \$338 million from last year
- Tax trigger: Quarter-point personal income tax trigger not activated; roughly \$1B short of threshold
- Agency requests: Legislative leaders cite \$1.5B+ in new funding requests from executive branch agencies
- Next meeting: February 13, 2026, for final certification of exempt to be appropriated for this session



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# Overview

- **Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners**
- **Scope of Practice**
- **Tort Reform**
- **Pain Management**
- **MCO's and Health Insurance**
- **Public Health**



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# Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners

- **SB 1557 - Rosino, Paul (R)** - Expands authority over behavior analyst licensing, discipline, and background checks for the Board of Osteopathic Examiners, transferring such duties from the Dept. of Human Services. – ***Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services***
- **SB 1984 Haste, John(R)** – OSBOE Clean up Bill = Revises the Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine Act by expanding board authority, licensure processes, and disciplinary standards. ***Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services***
- **CARRYOVER - SB 874 – Hall, Chuck(R)** - Professions and occupations; transferring certain administration to Service Oklahoma by certain date.
- **CARRYOVER - SB 1041 - Daniels, Julie(R)** - Practice of osteopathic medicine; removing certain limitation on appointees to the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners. Effective date.



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# Scope of Practice

- [HB 4430](#) - Hilbert, Kyle(R) - Establishes liability and compliance standards for physician assistants acting under supervision, deeming such assistants employed by a state agency or facility covered under the Governmental Tort Claims Act to be in compliance with requirements. ***On House Public Health 2/11 agenda***
- [HB 4431](#) - Hilbert, Kyle(R) - Declares that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses employed by state agencies and facilities which are subject to the Governmental Tort Claims Act are deemed to be in compliance with malpractice insurance requirements. ***On House Public Health 2/11 agenda***



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# Scope of Practice

- **CARRYOVER - SB 741** - Gollihare, Todd(R) - Practice of pharmacy; allowing pharmacist to test for and initiate drug therapy for certain minor, nonchronic health conditions. Effective date.
- **SB 1567** - Stanley, Brenda (R) - Changes how APRNs are supervised and how they gain independent prescribing authority. ***Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services Committee***
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# Scope of Practice

- [HB 3784](#) - Adams, Stacy Jo (F)(R) - Allows certain medical micropigmentation practitioners to practice without physician supervision after meeting experience requirements. ***Assigned to House Oversight: Health & Human Services***
- [HB 3887](#) - Cantrell, Josh(R) - Lets physical therapists treat patients longer without needing a doctor referral. ***On House Public Health 2/11 Agenda***
- [SB 1588](#) - Gollihare, Todd(R) Allows medical care providers targeted by crimes to use the Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program for personal safety. ***Assigned to Senate Committee Senate Judiciary; reworking after consultation with the AG's office***
- [SB 1849](#) - Gillespie, Christi/Newton, Carl(R) - Modifies license requirements for podiatric care providers, adds additional continuing education options and allows out-of-state continuing education in certain circumstances. ***Assigned to Senate Committee Senate Health & Human Services***



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# Tort Reform

- **HB 4176** - Staires, Clay (R) - Extends the statute of limitations for medical malpractice from two years to three years on claims arising on or after November 1, 2026. ***On 2/5 House Judiciary – Civil agenda; not heard***
- **CARRYOVER - SB 833** - **Daniels, Julie (R)** Personal injury suits; stating criteria to determine satisfaction of certain financial obligation; authorizing certain admissible amount. Effective date.
- **SB 2166** - Daniels, Julie (R) - Caps medical damages at amounts actually paid and adds disclosure rules for letter-of-protection cases. ***Assigned to Senate Judiciary***



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# Pain Management

- **HB 4336**— Moore, Anthony (R) – Creates the Professions and Occupations Interventional Pain Act, updates definitions and clarifies . ***Assigned to House Rules***
- **CARRYOVER HB 2148** - Kannady, Chris(R) - Establishes standards and requirements for pain management clinics, requiring them to register with the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control except under specific circumstances.



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# MCOs & Insurance

- [HB 3599](#) - Lepak, Mark (R) - Directs the Health Care Authority to file a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment to require a \$35 cost sharing requirement for the use of health care services by Medicaid recipients. ***Assigned to House Rules***
- [HB 3602](#) - Lepak, Mark (R) - Directs the Health Care Authority to report on certain health care related taxes and prohibits the imposition of such taxes under particular circumstances. ***Assigned to House Rules***
- ***Both Lepak bills codify provisions of HR 1 into state statute. Neither is in his top 8 but we will be monitoring to see if that changes. Especially of concern would be to codify the reduction of the SHOPP fee.***
- [HB 3650](#) - Stinson, Preston (R) - Revises Medicaid payment law (SoonerSelect) by extending the minimum rate provisions or provider rate floor to July 1, 2035. ***Voted from subcommittee-Do Pass House Approp Sub: Health; returned to House Approps.***



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# MCOs & Insurance

- [HB 4453](#) - Newton, Carl(R) - Creates a Health Care Cost Transparency Board within the Insurance Dept. to oversee and manage data related to health care costs. ***On House Insurance 2/10 agenda – Passed out today***
- [HB 4460](#) - Newton, Carl(R) - Health insurance; terms; patient protection; health plan responsibilities; requirements for payment; clinicians and hospitals; enforcement. ***On House Insurance 2/10 agenda – Heard but Laid Over***
- [HB 4462](#) - Newton, Carl(R) - Health insurance; prior authorization; utilization review organizations; insurers; exemptions; effective date. ***Assigned to House Rules***



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# MCOs & Insurance

- [SB 1967](#) - Mann, Mark (D) - Regulates use of artificial intelligence tools in health care utilization review and limits their role in medical necessity decisions. ***Assigned to Senate Technology & Telecommunications***
- [SB 2129](#) - Bullard, David (R) - Health insurance; creating Employer Health Plan Transparency Act; prohibiting health plans from entering certain contracts; prohibiting certain contract provisions. ***Assigned to Senate Business & Insurance***



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# Public Health

- **HB 1161**- Tedford, Mark (R)/Frix, Avery (R) - Requires bills which mandate health insurance coverage for certain procedures to have an impact analysis conducted before moving forward in the legislative process. ***Amended version passed the House 61 to 26***
  - Amendment: On Page 3, Section 3, Line 9 by deleting the word "shall" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "may".
- **HB 3647** - Stinson, Preston (R) - Creates the Oklahoma Health Care Transparency Initiative and requires submission of health care claims data; EMERGENCY. ***On House Public Health 2/11 agenda***



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# Public Health

- **SB 1612** - Haste, John (R)/Lawson, Mark (R) - Requires health care providers and medical facilities to report certain violent or suspicious injuries to law enforcement and preserve related evidence and video records. ***Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Public Safety***
- **SB 1654** - Frix, Avery (F) (R) - Related to Rural Health Transformation; establishes standards for mobile integrated health care suppliers, insurance coverage for treatment by such suppliers and related requirements. ***Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services and Senate Approps.***



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# Mark Your Calendars

**DO Day at the State Capitol**

**Monday, March 30, 2026**

**OOA Legislative Reception**

**Monday, March 30, 2026**

**5:00 – 7:00p.m.**

**4848 N. Lincoln Blvd.**



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