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The Evolving Healthcare Credit Landscape



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Evolving Hospital Competitive Environment

Even prior to passage of the OBBBA, excess inpatient capacity in many markets and ongoing pressure to move patients to ambulatory or home settings was driving increased separation between winners and losers

- Disruptive new healthcare service ecosystems, some controlled by major commercial payors, have exacerbated these trends
- Well-capitalized systems with strong balance sheets are increasingly better positioned to:
 - Build out networks and alternate care settings
 - Make necessary investments in IT, including AI
 - Attract and retain clinical talent
 - Absorb operational stresses and value-based experience curves
- Consolidation is expected to continue but with an increased emphasis on geographic and service line diversification

OBBBA Overview

Key provisions of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (“OBBBA”) will reduce projected Federal healthcare spending by over \$1Tn through 2034

A primary focus was reducing Federal contributions to Medicaid spending in 2 major buckets:

1 Enrollment Restrictions

- Implementing work requirements (\$326Bn impact over 10 years)
- More frequent eligibility redeterminations (\$63Bn)
- Eliminating unlawful immigrant coverage (\$34Bn)
- Other enrollment restrictions (\$147Bn)

2 Limiting Supplemental Funding Practices

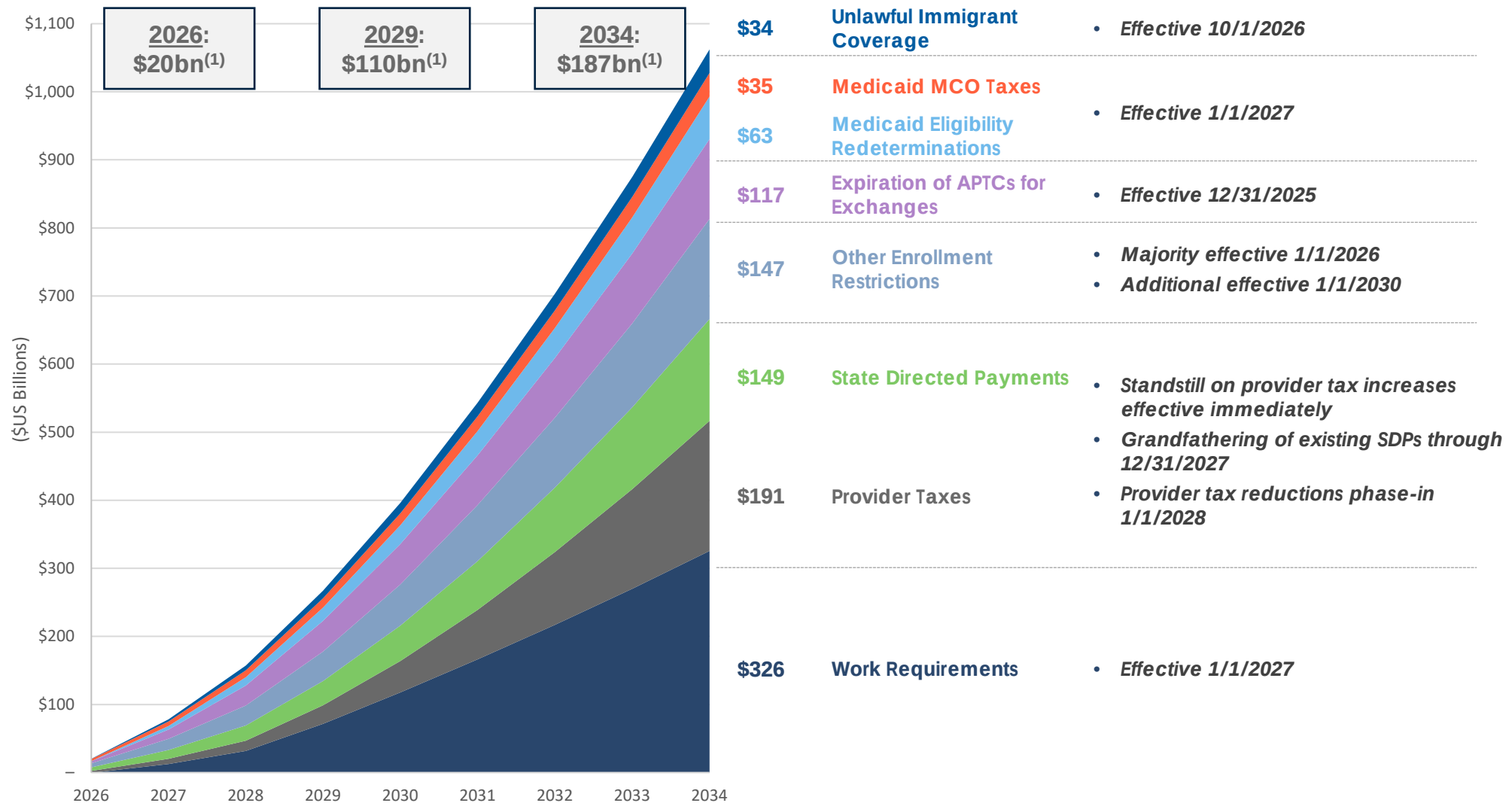
- Provider Taxes (\$191Bn)
- State Directed Payments (\$149Bn)
- Medicaid MCO Taxes (\$35Bn)

The bill also allowed Advanced Premium Tax Credits (“APTCs”) for ACA exchange policies to expire at the end of 2025 (\$117Bn impact) but did provide \$50Bn over the next 5 years for Rural Health Transformation

OBBBA Overview (Cont'd)

Federal healthcare reductions total \$1tn+ through 2034 from OBBBA, however phased-in timeline leaves room for mitigation by Congress and adaptation by states

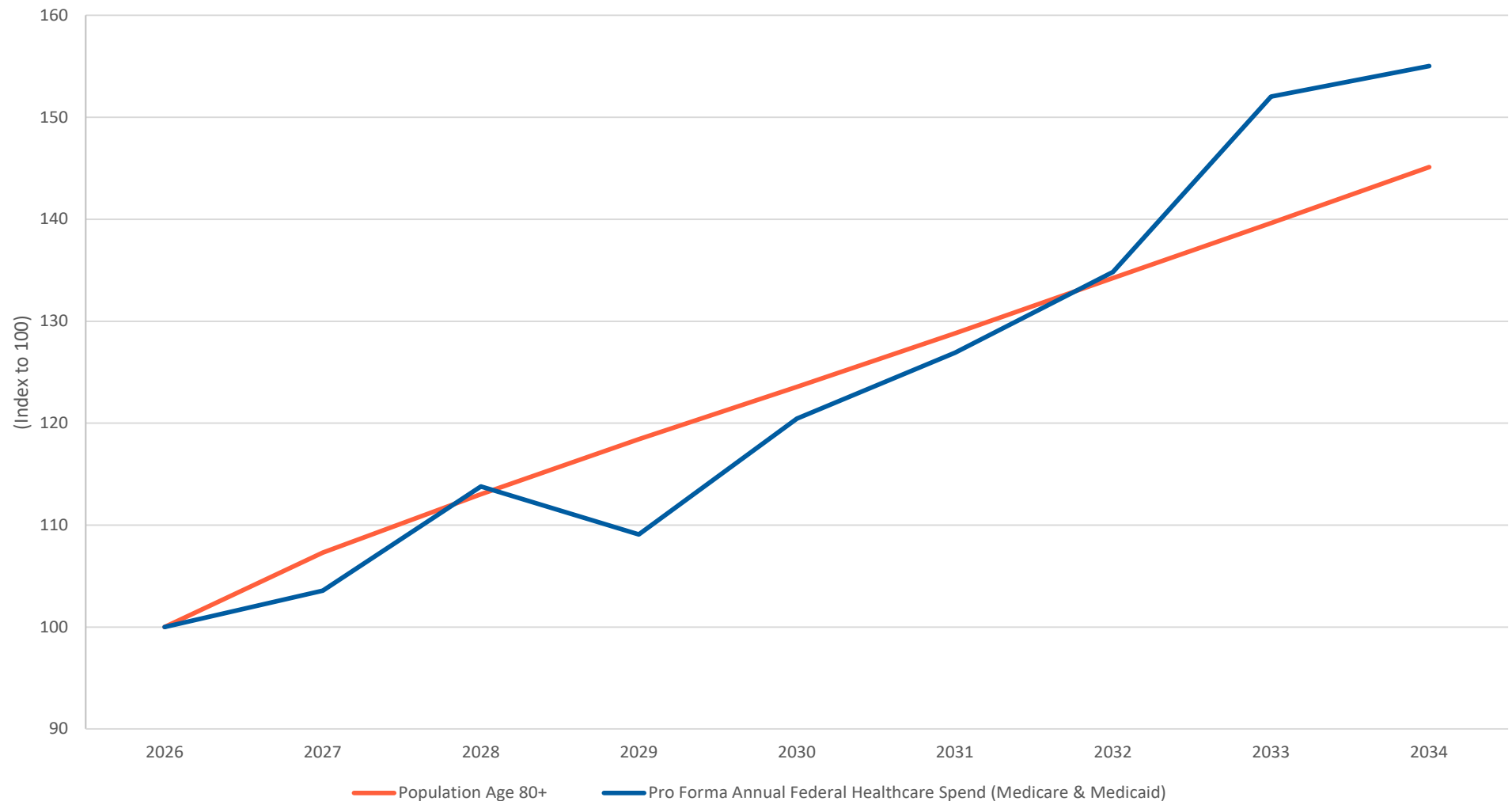
Cumulative OBBBA Federal Budget Estimated Savings: 2026 – 2034



Source: Congressional Budget Office
(1) Reflects annual federal spend reduction, not cumulative.

OBBBA Materially Reduces Federal Health Funding

OBBBA is projected to reduce federal healthcare expenditures by \$1tn+ through 2034, concurrent with the rising aging population of seniors that will require care

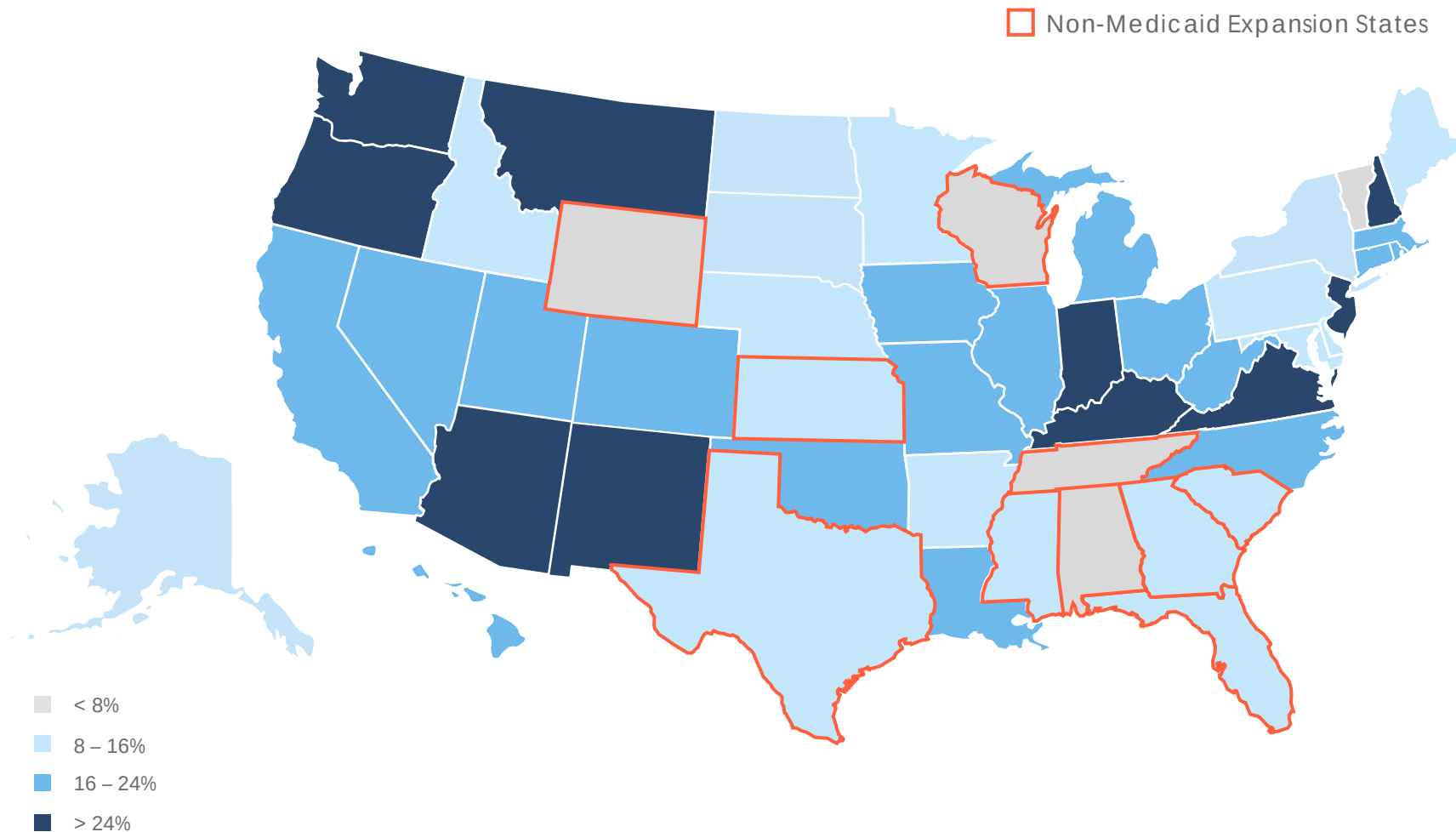


Federal healthcare spend is projected to be generally below the rate of growth of age 80+ persons through 2032

Medicaid Impact By State

Hospitals are exposed to a potential \$665bn reduction (18%) in Medicaid payments over the next decade

Projected Reductions in Medicaid Payments to Hospitals by State (FY25-FY34)

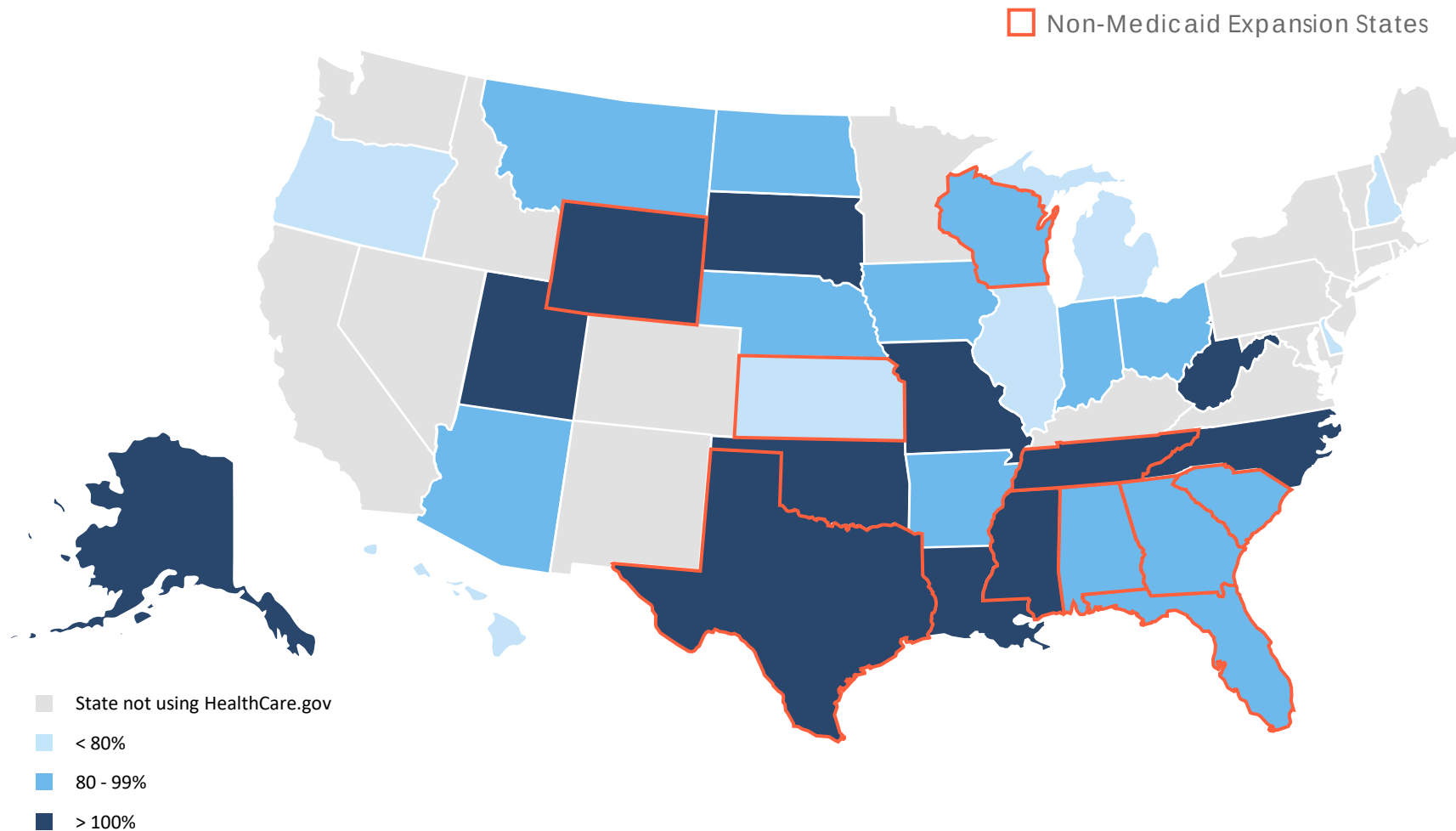


Sources: Wall Street Journal, Manatt Health

ACA Premiums Impact By State

Consumer premiums (out of pocket costs for premiums assuming reduced subsidies) may at least double in 12 states if enhanced subsidies expire at FYE25

Percent Change in Premium Payments Without Subsidies Among HealthCare.gov Consumers Receiving APTC (2024)



Sources: KFF, HealthCare.gov

What May Come Next From Washington?

Mix of near-term and future long-term regulation may continue to materially reshape the landscape

Continuing Resolution Debate

ACA Subsidies

- Enhanced advance premium tax credits are currently due to expire 12/31/2025

Telehealth Waiver Extensions

- Current pandemic-era telehealth waivers expired 9/30/2025
- Potential extension and/or expansion of telehealth could provide continued enhanced population healthcare access, though rural hospitals may be disproportionately harmed

Medicare DSH Cuts

- Potential to modify or reverse DSH payment cuts that have already begun

Medicaid

- Potential to roll back some of the Medicaid eligibility, payment, and coverage changes that were enacted in OBBBA

Potential Other Future Legislation

FMAP Conformation

- Federal FMAPs may be modified in the future to further reduce federal spend

Site Neutrality

- Trump administration previously pushed for site-neutral payment reforms, viewing them as a way to reduce Medicare spending and align payments across different healthcare settings

Inpatient Only List

- First Trump administration planned to eliminate the IPO list over a three-year period starting in FY21, however the Biden administration subsequently reversed this decision

340B Scrutiny

- Concerns around transparency and patient benefit may lead to reforms

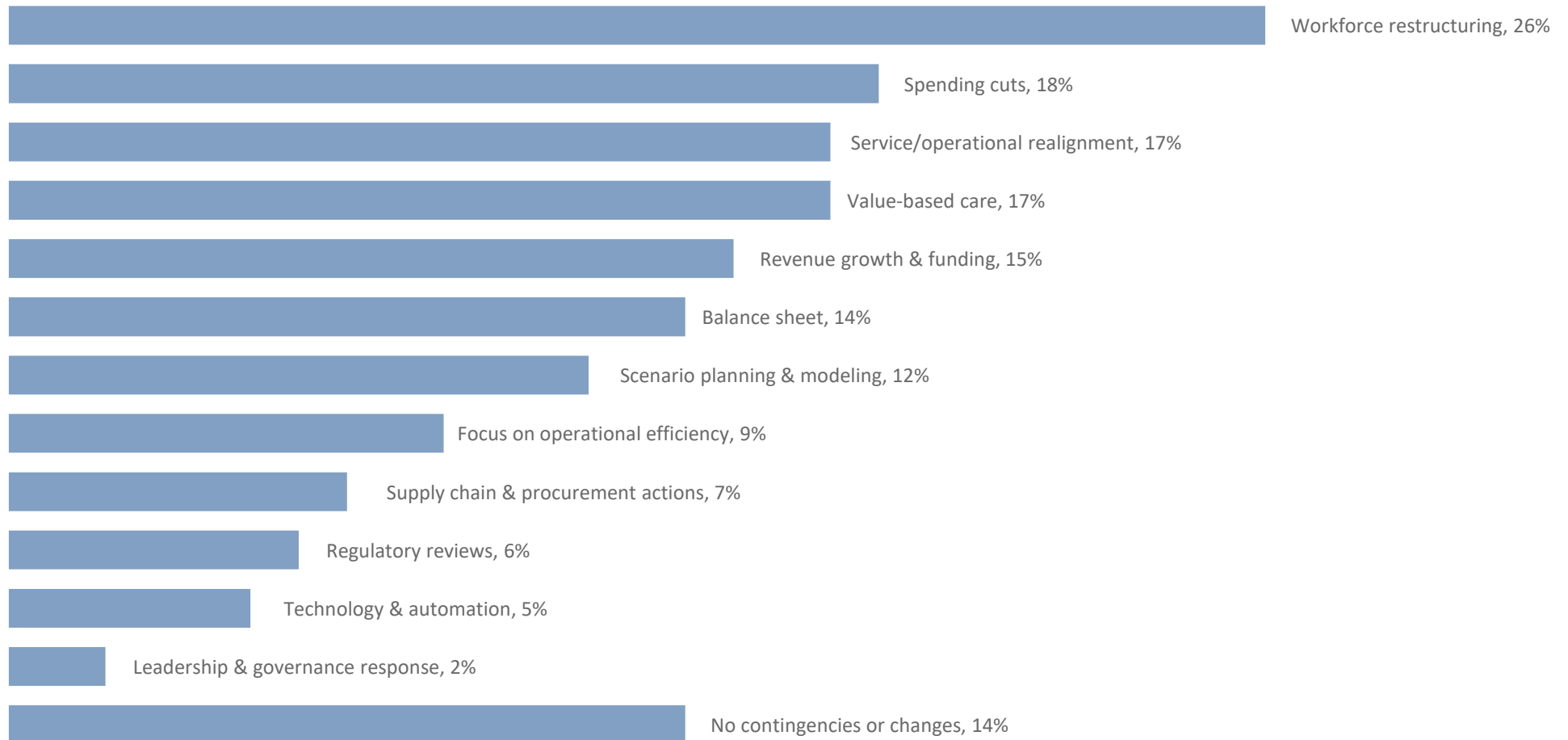
Drug pricing

- Trump administration may pursue MFN and/or direct negotiation pricing strategies

Potential Responses by Providers

Healthcare delivery organizations are putting in place contingency plans to attempt to mitigate the uncompensated care impact expected from OBBBA

Contingencies to combat regulatory shifts (% respondents)



Source: KLAS research

Potential Responses by Providers – Operational Levers

Providers have multiple operational levers to offset revenue and margin stresses, however must balance changes against disruptions to staff and patient care

Labor Cost Mitigation	Productivity Initiatives	Revenue Enhancements	Operational Streamlining
• Non-clinical headcount • Clinical staffing ratios and protocols • Agency utilization • Outsourcing (clinical and non-clinical)	• Throughput increases • Length of stay reductions • Incentive compensation for physicians • Automation and virtualization opportunities	• Payor contracts • 340B • Ancillary services • Capital improvements • Affiliations/strategic alliances/JV opportunities • Tuck in acquisitions	• Revenue cycle management • Supply chain • Administrative workflows • Footprint rationalization – Sell/close underperforming business units and service lines – Divest other non-core assets

Potential Responses by Providers – Financial Levers

Providers have a variety of financial levers to consider in conjunction with operational changes, although they may have important trade-offs and longer-term implications

**Drawing Down Existing
Credit Facilities**

**Payor
Advances**

**Utilizing Available
Baskets**

**Government Funding
Sources**

**Issuing Bonds for Capital
Improvements
(If Permitted)**

**Issuing Equity Through
Conversion To For-Profit
Status**

**Strategic Partnership
Investments**

**Exploring Affiliation
or Sale**



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Overview of Municipal Market

10/28/2025

Current market update

This week's calendar:

\$13.9B negotiated

\$2.03B competitive

\$20.6B 30-Day Visible Supply

Key interest rates and prices

	This Week 10/17/2025	Last Week 10/10/2025	Last Month 9/16/2025	Last Year 10/17/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.25	4.25	4.50	5.00
Prime Rate	7.25	7.25	7.50	8.00
Treasury - 2 yr	3.46	3.50	3.50	3.97
Treasury - 10 yr	4.01	4.03	4.03	4.09
SOFR	4.13	4.15	4.39	4.85
SIFMA	2.31	2.70	2.60	4.02
SIFMA/SOFR %	55.9	65.1	59.2	82.9
B.B. 20 Bond Index ¹	4.78	4.83	4.94	3.92
B.B. Rev. Index ²	5.07	5.12	5.23	4.21
30-Day Visible Supply ³	20.6 B	11.9 B	12.5 B	14.2 B
10-Year AAA MMD ⁴	2.76	2.86	2.86	2.78
10-Year AAA MMD Ratio to Treasury %	68.8	70.9	71.0	68.0
30-Year Treasury	4.61	4.62	4.65	4.39
30-Year AAA MMD ⁴	0.00	4.17	4.21	3.66

¹ Represents an estimation of the yield on a portfolio of 20 general obligation bonds that matures in 20 years with a composite AA rating.

² Represents an estimation of the yield that would be offered on 30-yr revenue bonds. The index is comprised of 25 issuers that cover a broad range of type of issues and vary in ratings.

³ The total dollar volume of municipal securities expected to be offered over the next 30 days.

⁴ Represents the benchmark yield for high grade municipal issues, based on a natural "AAA" rated general obligation bond issue. "AAA" MMD is the benchmark for pricing of all tax-exempt municipal issues.

Source: Bloomberg and Thomson Reuters

All data as of 10/17/2025 unless otherwise noted

Municipal long-term issuance

2025 issuance volume YTD is \$433.4B and 2025 redemption volume is \$255.9B.

Long-term municipal new issue volume was up 34% in 2024 vs. 2023

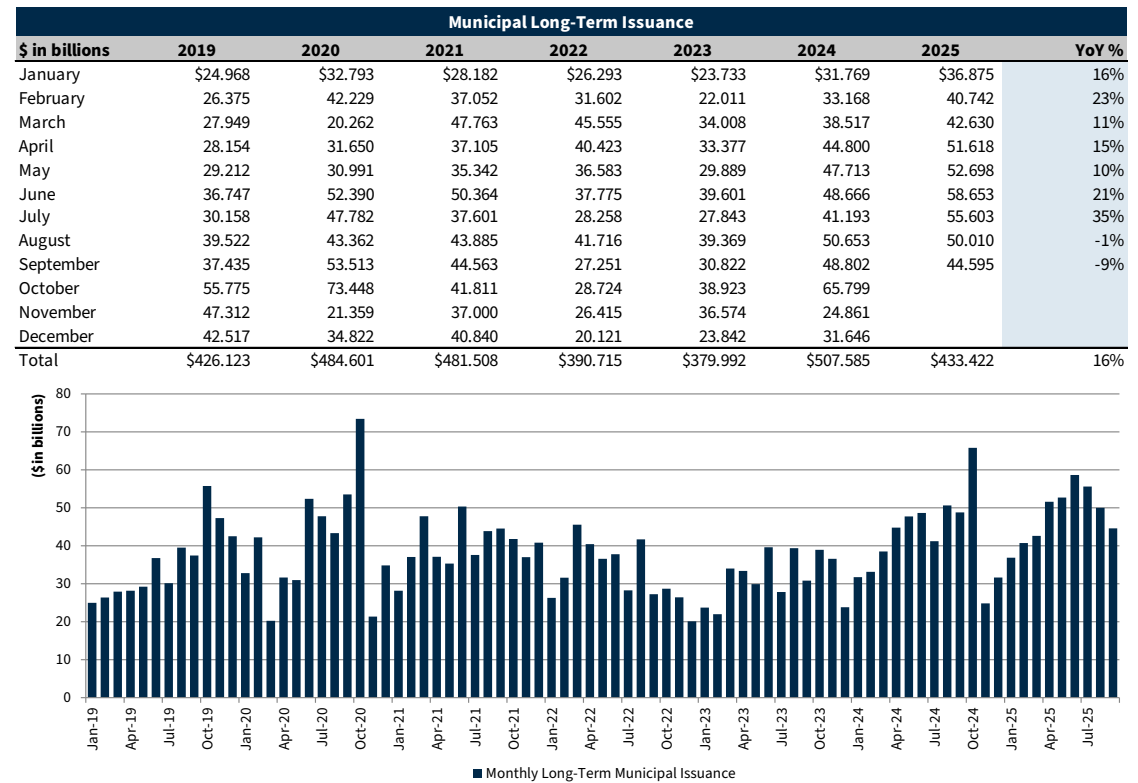
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Long-term municipal new issue volume was down 19% in 2022 vs. 2021

Long-term municipal new issuance was down 0.6% in 2021 vs. 2020

Long-term municipal new issuance was up 14% in 2020 vs. 2019

Monthly issuance



Source: The Bond Buyer

Health Care New Issuance

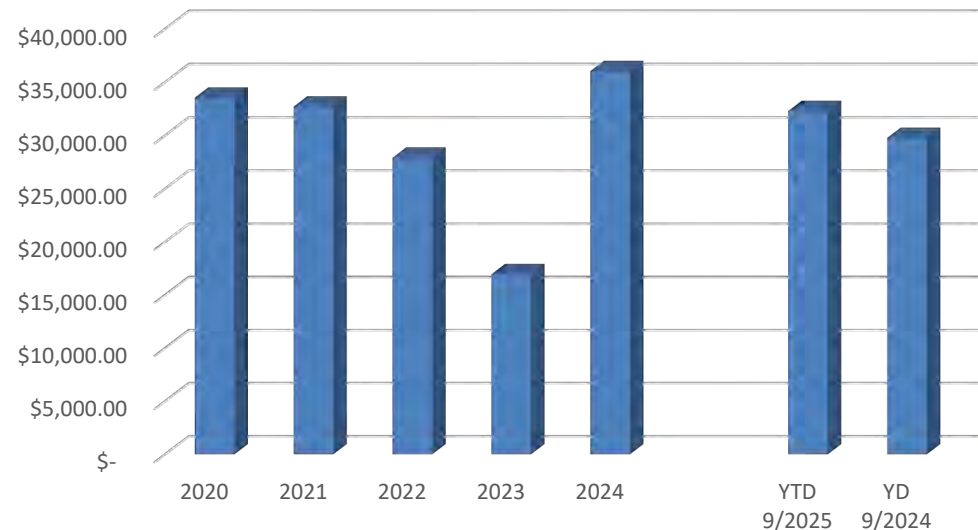
YTD 2025 issuance volume is \$32.3B , up 8.5% versus prior year.

Approx. \$2.7B of YTD 2025 new issuance was direct placements with broker dealers.

Net new issuance of \$29.6n for YTD2025 was slightly lower than 2024 levels .

Yearly issuance

Health Care Long Term Issuance						
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD 9/2025	YD 9/2024
\$33,540.9M	\$32,704.7M	\$27,905.3M	\$16,953.7M	\$36,032.4M	\$32,285.1M	\$29,762.0M



Source: The Bond Buyer

Weekly municipal bond fund flows

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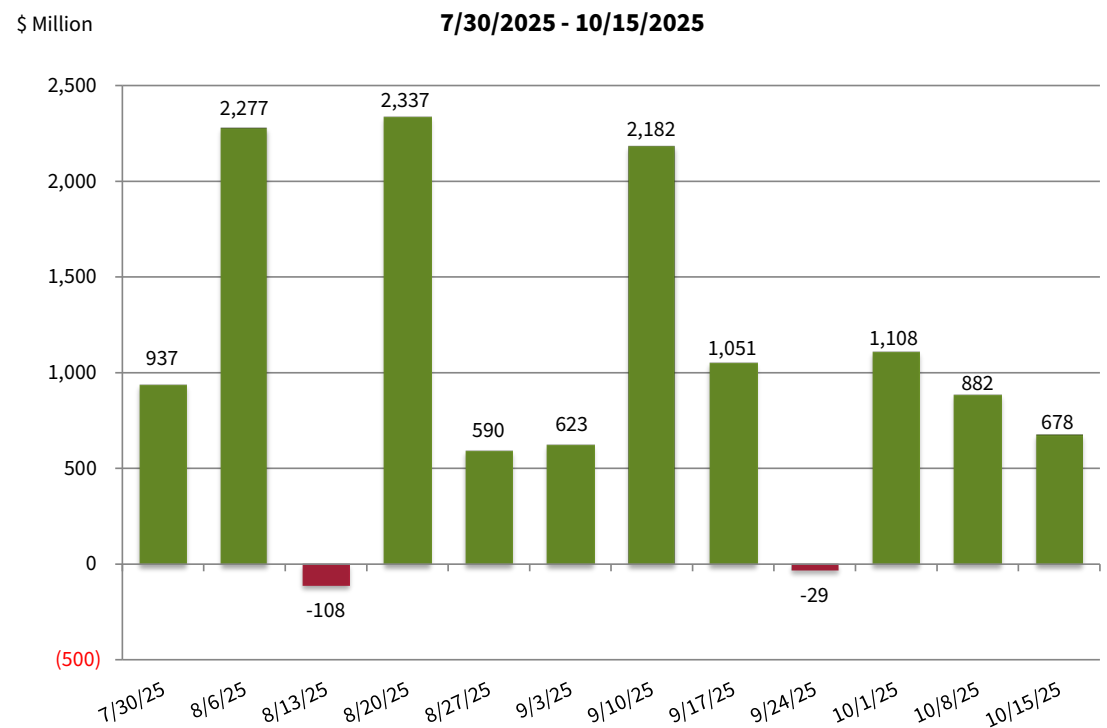
Municipal bond funds gained \$4.4 billion for 2018, \$64.9 billion in 2019, \$21.96 billion in 2020, and \$66.5 billion in 2021.

In 2022 and 2023, municipal bond funds lost a total of \$81.11 and 15.61 billion in outflows, respectively.

In 2024, municipal bond funds have gained a total of \$22.006 billion in inflows.

In 2025 so far, municipal bond funds have gained a total of \$20.464 billion in inflows.

Municipal bond fund estimated weekly net flows



Source: Lipper as of 10/15/2025

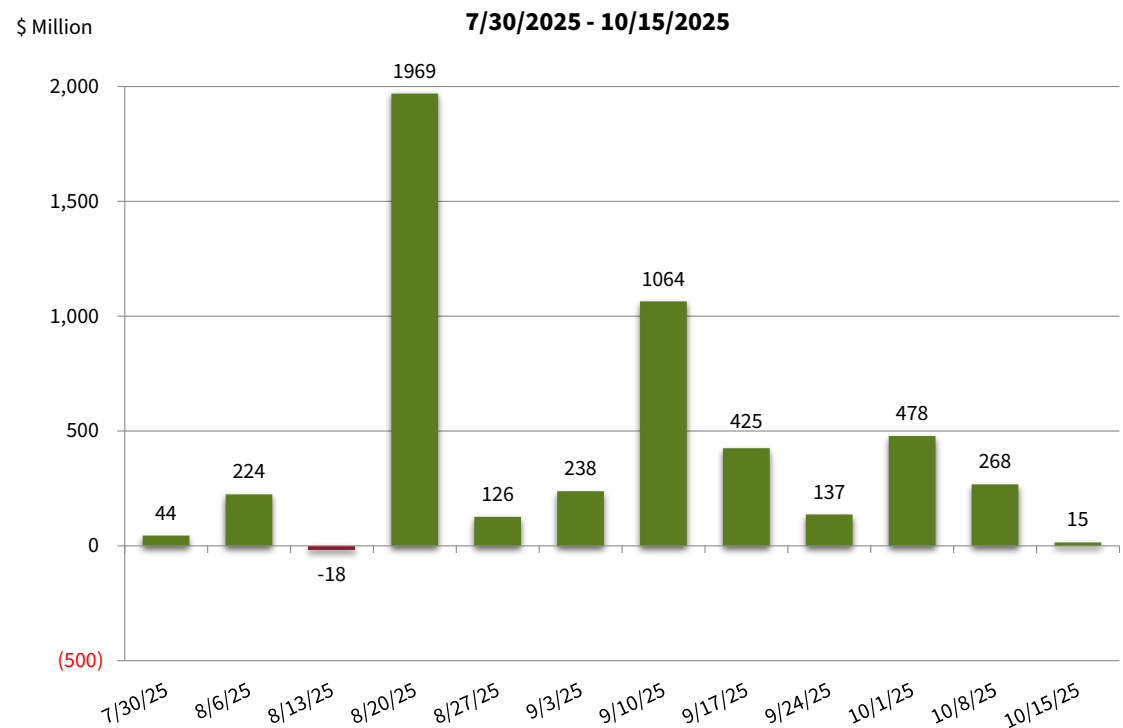
Weekly high yield municipal bond fund flows

High yield municipal bond funds had estimated inflows of \$15.0 million for the week ended Wednesday, October 15th, 2025.

In 2024, high yield municipal bond funds have gained a total of \$13.225 billion in inflows.

In 2025 so far, high yield municipal bond funds have gained a total of \$9.576 billion in inflows.

Municipal high yield bond fund estimated weekly net flows



Source: Lipper as of 10/15/2025

Monthly municipal bond fund flows

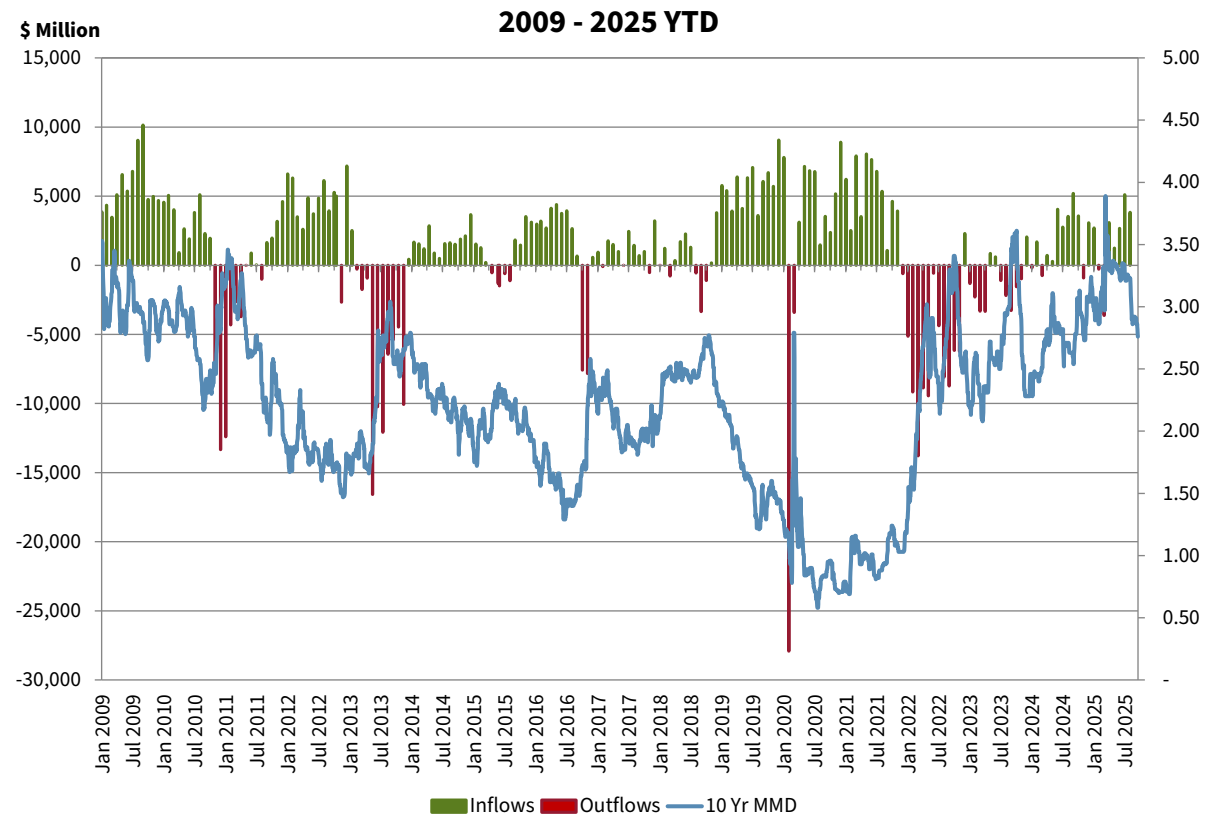
2018 was marked with volatile fund flows throughout the year. The market experienced a see-saw effect of inflows and outflows. In contrast, fund flows were consistently positive for every month in 2019.

In March 2020, municipal bond funds had the largest monthly outflows since 2013.

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Monthly bond fund flows vs. 10YR AAA MMD



Source: Lipper

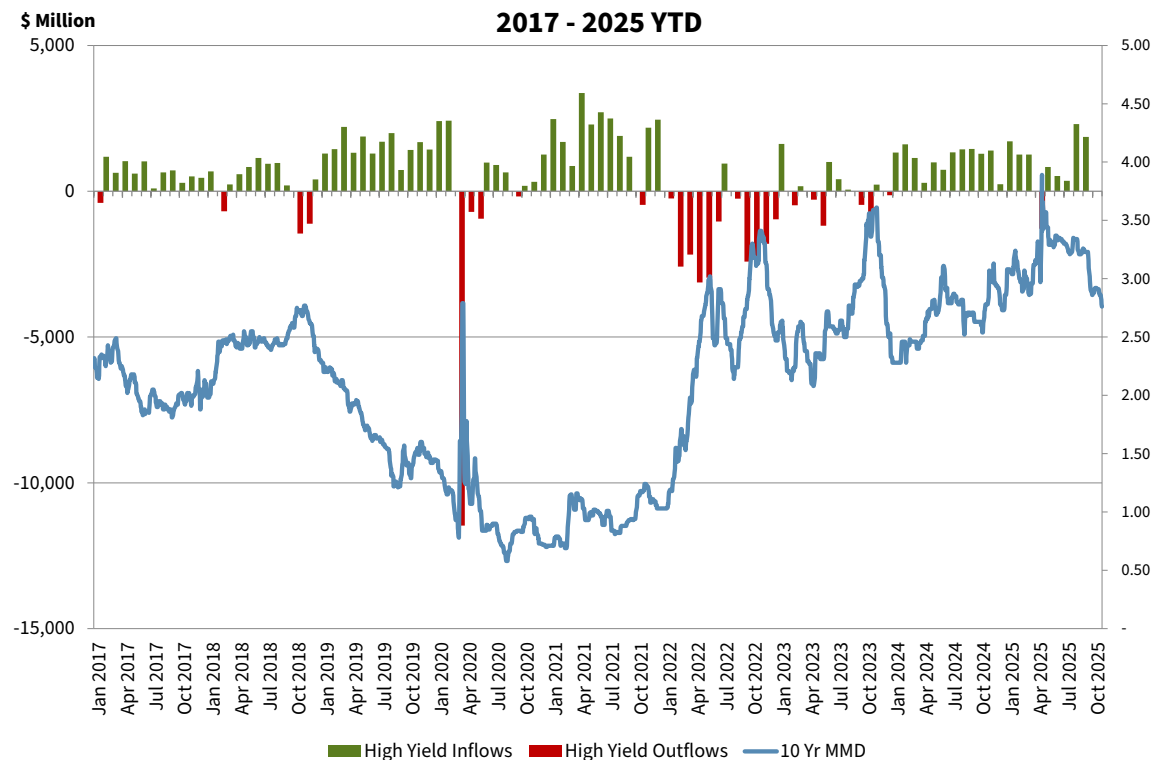
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