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On health care, a divided diagnosis

Opinions over direction Trump takes nation, patients follow voting pattern

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Sidney Trantham, a 56-year-old clinical psychologist from Boston, said he is unnerved by President Trump's vision for American health care.

Where Trump sees a so-called

Big Beautiful Bill to cut taxes as well as Medicaid services, Trantham sees a health disaster for millions of the country's poor and elderly.

And he is not alone. In a recent Globe survey of 11 New Englanders across the political spectrum, all seven respondents who voted against Trump said they worry that basic health insurance and many vaccines will be harder to obtain for

those who need them if the Big Beautiful Bill becomes law.

The four respondents who voted for Trump, despite being unfamiliar with many of the legislation's specifics, said they support changes to health care programs to repair what some of them called a broken, bloated system.

The voters were surveyed as part of an ongoing Globe series on their views on the first year of the Trump administration, with previous installments centered on the economy

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'I'd be concerned if I was an illegal alien, and I'd be concerned if I were committing fraud.'

SETH SOLE-ROBERTSON, a supporter of President Trump, on the planned cuts in Medicaid in the president's spending bill

Agreement reached on \$61b state budget

Boosts spending by 6%, bans broker's fees paid by tenants, needs Healey OK

By Samantha J. Gross and Matt Stout
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Acknowledging a precarious financial moment, Massachusetts legislative leaders on Sunday released a \$61 billion state budget agreement that slashes hundreds of millions of dollars in spending from health care and other areas from the plans the House and Senate passed just this spring.

The deal would also make a series of policy changes, including outlawing mandatory tenant-paid broker's fees, and make the state's spending on local school districts more reliant on money generated by its surtax on wealthy residents.

The agreement, which Democratic leaders hope to send to Governor Maura Healey on Monday, would still hike spending by nearly 6 percent over the state's current plan. That increase would come in the face of cuts from the Trump administration and amid estimates that portend tax revenue may come in hundreds of millions below what state officials originally projected.

State Senator Michael Rodrigues, the lead negotiator for his chamber, said the agreement came after warnings from the state budget office and budget watchdogs "that tax revenues are precarious, to say the least."

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DEVASTATION ACROSS UKRAINE

Russia expanded its targets early Sunday, striking cities in the south and west of Ukraine with drones and missiles in one of the broadest attacks of the war. One drone struck a residential building in Odesa (top and left), killing at least two people and injuring more than a dozen. **A4.**

All style, no substance in 'beautiful' title

As lawmakers size up this massive tax measure, convention is tossed aside

By Sam Brodey
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WASHINGTON — When President Trump convened crowds and cameras at the White House on Thursday to sell the signature legislation of his second term, there shouldn't have been a single big, beautiful question about what he'd call the gathering.

► Senate opened debate on bill. **A7.**

It was, of course, "One, Big, Beautiful Event" to galvanize support for Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill." Inevitably, "big, beautiful" words of praise flowed from attendees, as did "big, beautiful" social media posts from GOP luminaries and a steady stream of "big, beautiful" videos from Trump's media team.

While Trump used the event to tick through proposals in the bill he wanted to emphasize — like the continuation of his first-term tax cuts and the removal of federal tax on tipped and overtime wages — none of those ideas is featured in the bill's ac-

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Boston to fired federal workers: Come check us out

Job applications soar as city makes pitch for experienced public sector officials

By Maren Halpin
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As more than 58,000 laid-off federal workers look for their next move, many have Boston in their sights.

Boston's civic reputation, newly

bolstered by a state recruitment campaign for federal workers and a relatively resilient public sector job market, has made the region a top destination for former federal workers.

The City of Boston has seen a

boom in job applications, with positions that it once struggled to fill now receiving a record amount of interest.

In the first quarter of 2025, the city received an all-time high of 39,111 applications, a 60 percent jump from the first quarter of 2024. The largest increase has been in budgeting, procurement, and finance positions, roles that are the

closest match to many of the shuttered federal positions, said the city's chief people officer, Alex Lawrence.

"Despite the chaos and confusion playing out, [it's] a real opportunity for the state and local governments across Massachusetts to capture some of this A-plus public sector talent," said Caitlin Lewis,

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Gutted office of mediators hinders talks on strikes

Little remains of US agency; negotiators left on their own

By Alexa Gagosz
GLOBE STAFF

PROVIDENCE — A strike by nurses and front-line workers at Butler Hospital is dragging into its seventh week, not just because union leaders and hospital executives are far apart on issues.

It's also because of a little-known executive order signed by President Trump in March that gutted the agency overseeing federal mediators — people responsible for bringing companies and labor unions to the negotiating table.

Before the executive order, there were 143 federal mediators nationwide. After, only four were left.

"They shut down the regional offices where mediators knew the issues locally. That's a real problem," said Jesse Martin, executive vice president of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) District 1199, the union that represents

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Jennifer Arraia, an activities therapist, joined a rally last month for Butler Hospital workers in Providence.

The Israeli military signaled it intended to expand its offensive in northern Gaza as it issued broad evacuation orders. **A4.**

Sullivan Tire keeps rolling around economic potholes to become one of the most successful family-run businesses in New England. **D1.**

A federal appeals court is set to take up one of President Trump's most contentious actions: use of the Alien Enemies Act to round up immigrants. **A2.**

Two people were killed after firefighters at a wildfire in northern Idaho. **A2.**



A balm before storm

Monday: Plenty of sunshine. High 80-85, low 67-72.

Tuesday: Afternoon storm. High 86-91, low 69-74.

Sunrise: 5:11. Sunset: 8:25.

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