

ML Strategies Health Care Preview

Week of November 5th

This week, we as stakeholders and political observers hit a tangible milestone with the midterms. How this Tuesday goes will mean a lot in the health care for the next two years, and carries the potential to drastically alter the political landscape. The latest House polling suggests the Democrats are poised to seize the majority. The final margin in the House matters significantly for governing. The larger the margin, the more active and bold the majority can be with their agenda.

The Senate leans towards Republicans but with a number of races too close to call. In the Senate, the latest polling shows candidates in a number of states are in a dead heat heading into Tuesday's vote. States like Arizona, Nevada, Missouri, Indiana, and Florida are still very much in play and hold huge implications for the Senate moving forward. Also remember that seats won Tuesday aren't up again until 2024. Wins in the toss up races will have an impact on the next two Senate election cycles as the parties battle for control.

At the state level, the gubernatorial races are some of the most potent races this cycle with 36 seats up for grabs. Democrats are aiming to take back several governorships in states like Florida, Illinois, and Ohio with wins in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Georgia possible. If the last two years have showed us anything, it's that states have a significant role to play in the health care debate and have the capacity to enact real change on the ground. Further, the party in control of the governor's mansion has significant influence on the redistricting in 2021-22.

As it relates to Medicaid expansion, several states have the initiative on the ballot, including Montana, Idaho, Nebraska, and Utah. By handing the decision to expand Medicaid over to the voters, these typically red states are giving their state legislature's cover to follow the will of the public. Of course as we have seen in Maine, sometimes even that is not enough to push expansion over the finish line. Yet.

The election will happen tomorrow and then we will roll up our sleeves and begin to analyze the results and the consequences for health care stakeholders. One thing that will not change with this election: the Administration. On Wednesday morning, the Administration will still be the Administration, and the likelihood that any outcome will leave them chastened or drive them off of their agenda (drug pricing, undermining the ACA) is VERY LOW.



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