

AHCA/NCAL Goals, Trends, and Advocacy

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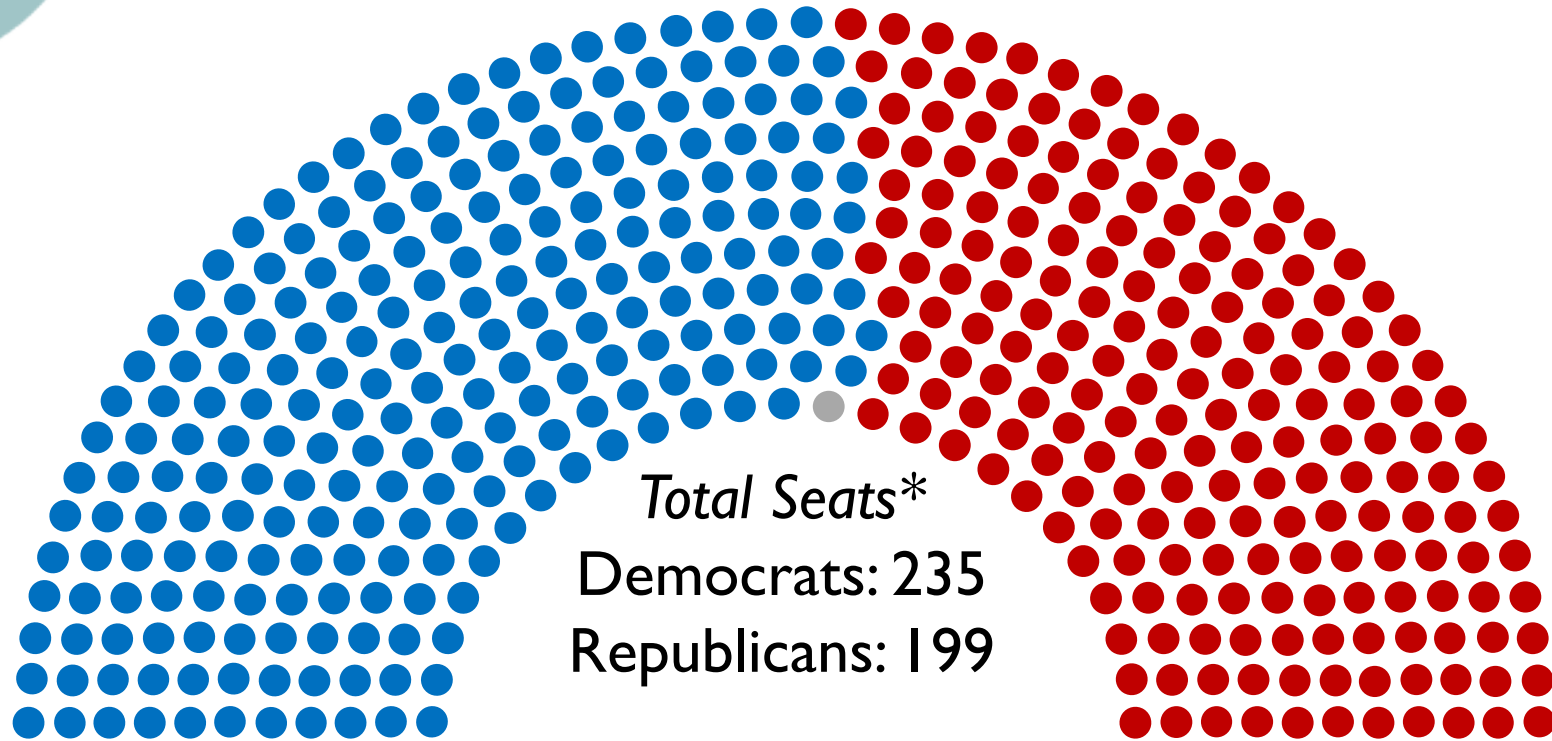




National Legislative Landscape



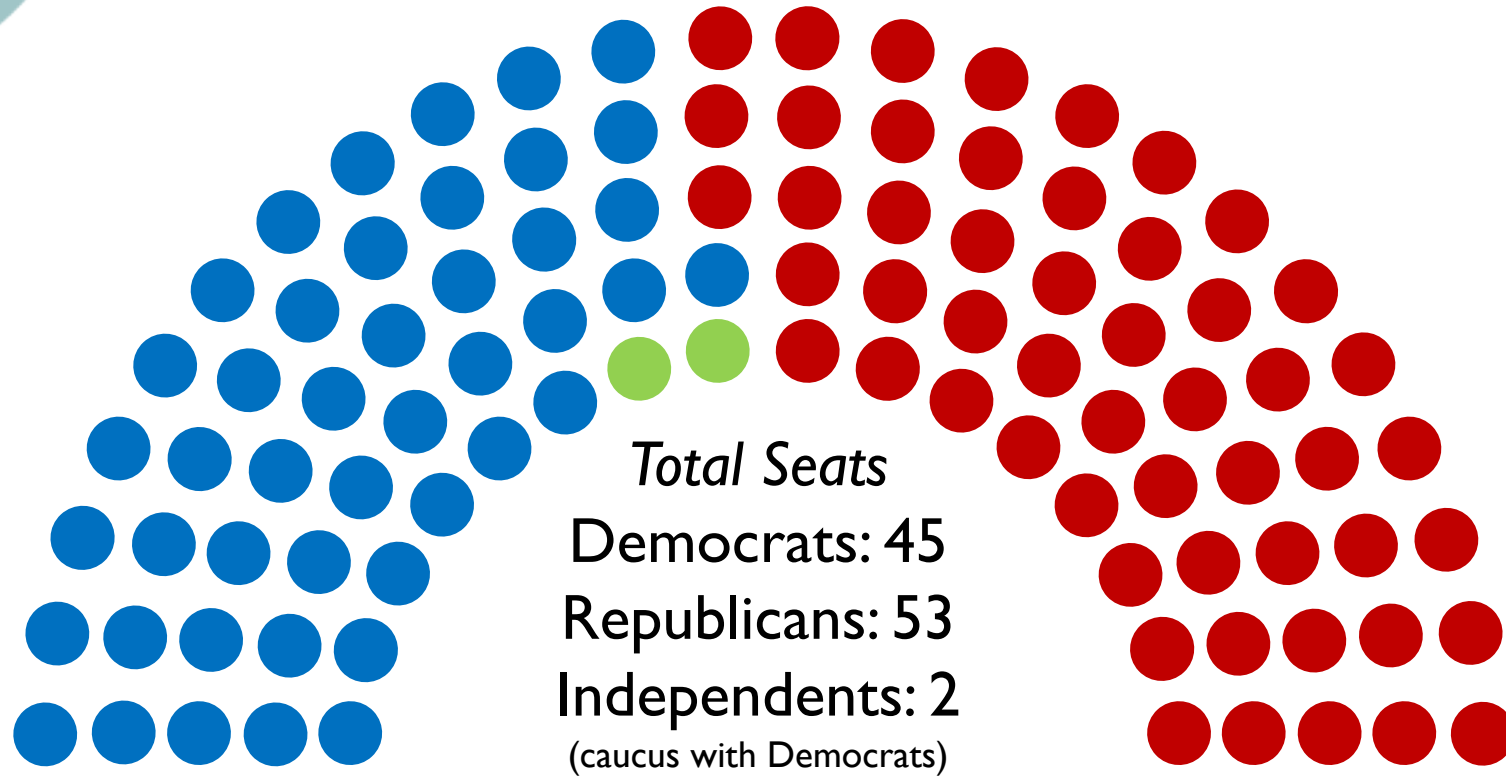
Democrats Take Control of House



*One seat remains vacant because of ongoing investigations into an election in North Carolina



Republicans Expand Senate Majority





New House Leadership

Majority

- Top leadership positions were shuffled
- Nancy Pelosi elected Speaker of the House but accepted term limits on the position
- Ways and Means Chair
Richie Neal (MA)
- Energy and Commerce Chair
Frank Pallone (NJ)

Minority

- Former Speaker of the House Paul Ryan retired
- Kevin McCarthy (CA) is the Minority Leader
- Steve Scalise is Minority Whip (number 2 Republican)
- Ways and Means Ranking
Kevin Brady (TX)
- Energy and Commerce Ranking
Greg Walden (OR)



New Senate Leadership

Majority

- Senate Majority Leader
Mitch McConnell (KY)
- Senate Finance Chair
Chuck Grassley (IA)

Minority

- Senate Minority Leader
Chuck Schumer (NY)
- Senate Finance Ranking
Ron Wyden (OR)



Committee Composition

- Due to historic churn in the House, new committee assignments have not yet been decided
- New members of Senate Finance Committee
 - Catherine Cortez-Masto (D-NV)
 - Steve Daines (R-MT)
 - Maggie Hassan (D-NH)
 - James Lankford (R-OK)
 - Todd Young (R-IN)



What to Expect from Democrat-Led House

- No risk of dramatic Medicaid reform/cuts
- Chance to address shortening lengths of stay (Advantage plans, ACOs)
- Friendly toward workforce issues
 - Immigration/visa reform
- More criticism of administration/pressure to increase regulations
- Staffing requirements



What to Expect from the New Senate

- Increase in GOP margin will only matter for issues that only need Senate approval (confirmations, etc.) as Democratic House will block GOP priorities.
- Grassley historically is an investigator and his position at head of Senate Finance gives him authority over our sector.



AHCA/NCAL 2019 Priorities



2019 Legislative Outlook

- **Risk of getting swept up in grand bargain**
- **Budget caps will need to be addressed**
- Divided government means lots of posturing and hearings, but no dramatic, sweeping legislation.
- Cooperation takes time which means there's less room for surprises
- Opportunity to advance bipartisan causes that help us
- Response to PDPM implementation remains in question



Issues to Protect

- Clean rule/market basket update
- Protect 2.4% statutory market basket update/avoid a claw back
- Prevent cuts under a budget deal
- Continue efforts to preserve arbitration



Issues to Advance

- Ensure PDPM is beneficial to providers
 - Ready with responses to both overpayment and underpayment
- Find solution to Observation Stays problem
- Issuance of Requirements of Participation revisions
- State-specific Medicaid initiatives
- Advance new AHCA/NCAL I-SNP program
- Create a better operating environment with regard to Advantage Plans and ACOs
- Continued efforts on tax interpretation

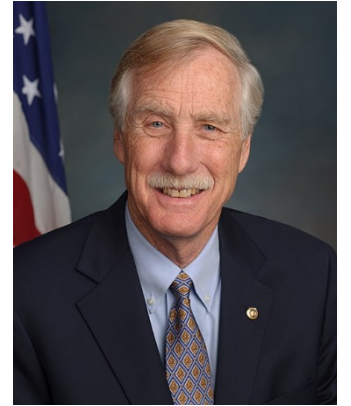


How We Engage

- Our biggest resource is our membership
- Invite Members of Congress for facility tours
- Attend Congressional Briefing (June 3-4)
Washington, DC
- AHCA Senior Director of Grassroots: Matt Smyth (msymth@ahca.org)



Sen. Susan
Collins (R)



Sen. Angus
King (I)



Rep. Chellie
Pingree (D)



Rep. Jared
Golden (D)

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