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EXECUTIVE ORDERS: OVERVIEW AND IMPLICATIONS



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EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- **Key Functions**
- **Implementation**
- **Executive Order Types**

EXECUTIVE ORDERS: *KEY FUNCTIONS*

1. **Implement** federal laws and policies.
2. **Manage** federal agencies.
3. **Set policy** and modify existing policies.
4. **Direct** administrative actions.
5. **Address** national concerns.



EXECUTIVE ORDERS: *EXECUTIVE ORDER TYPES*

1. **Administrative:** Manages federal government operations.
2. **Proclamations:** Addresses issues, ceremonial, national holidays.
3. **National Security:** Quick response to threats.
4. **Regulatory:** Directs agencies to modify policy.
5. **Interagency Directive:** Facilitates cooperation.
6. **Policy Statements:** Facilitates guidance on presidential priorities.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS: *IMPLEMENTATION*

1. **Issuance:** President signs and the Federal Register informs the public.
2. **Agency Guidance:** Tasked with creating guidelines and regulations.
3. **Compliance and Enforcement:** Insert provisions into operational policies and procedures.
4. **Monitor and Report:** Submit progress report to White House and/or Congress.
5. **Legal Review:** Legal review to ensure it is constitutional.

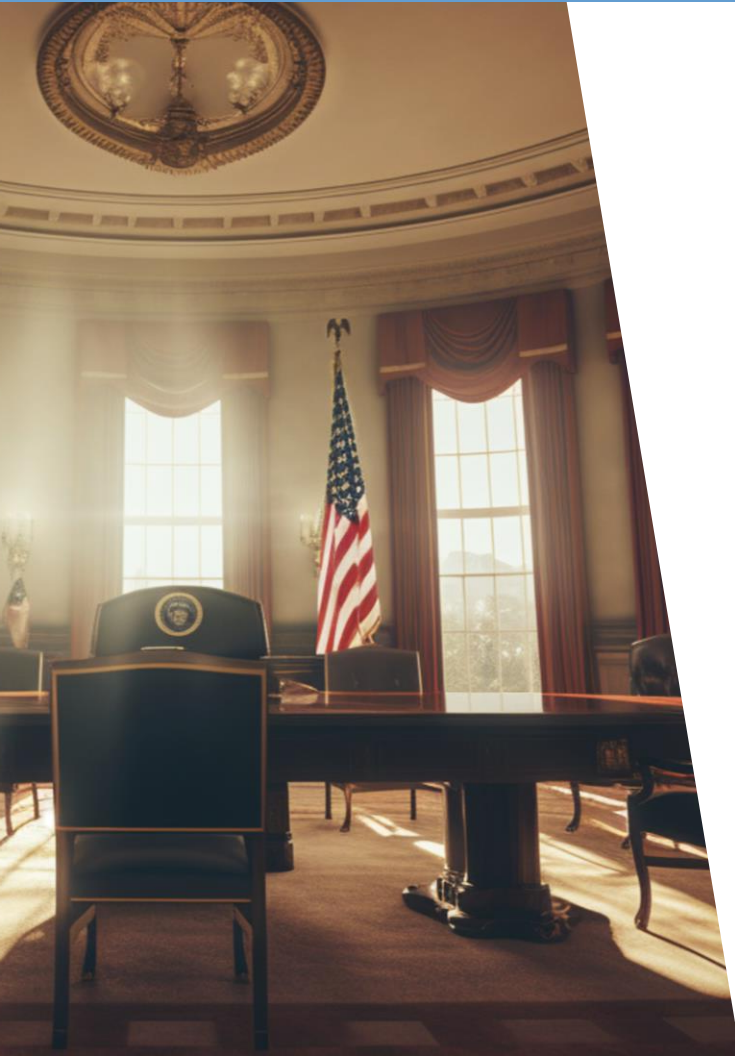




WHY PRESIDENTS USE EXECUTIVE ORDERS

QUICK FACTS

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Leverage executive authority to:

- **implement** policy
- **manage** the federal government
- **use** historical precedent to establish legal authority and justify their use of executive orders to remain within the bounds of the Constitution

Most EOs ever issued: 3,721 by Franklin D. Roosevelt over 12 years

Current count of the 47th President as of Feb. 19, 2025—70 total in a variety of areas, including:

- health, energy, administration, social issues, immigration, defense, foreign policy, law enforcement, technology, trade, finance

EO 14009: Medicaid and Affordable Care Act; policy review that may reverse access to care.

EO 14070: Healthcare Affordability; reversed policy that reduced paperwork, lowered out-of-pocket costs, and expanded access to care.

EO 13988: Health Care Discrimination Protections; reversed #46 anti-discrimination protections and issued an order that changes how agencies address gender in health care settings and may limit health services and protections for LGBTQ+ individuals.

IMPLICATIONS OF #47 EXECUTIVE ORDERS: POLICY REVERSALS

AND... removed barriers to health care access for immigrants; removed protections to get accurate census counts; removed barriers to care equity for the AAPHI community; potential rollback of telehealth; work requirements for Medicaid; insurance plans that weaken mental health coverage; and MORE.

TRACKING THE EXECUTIVE ORDERS



**An accurate account
of executive orders:**

[https://www.federalregister.gov/
presidential-documents/executive-
orders/donald-trump/2025](https://www.federalregister.gov/presidential-documents/executive-orders/donald-trump/2025)

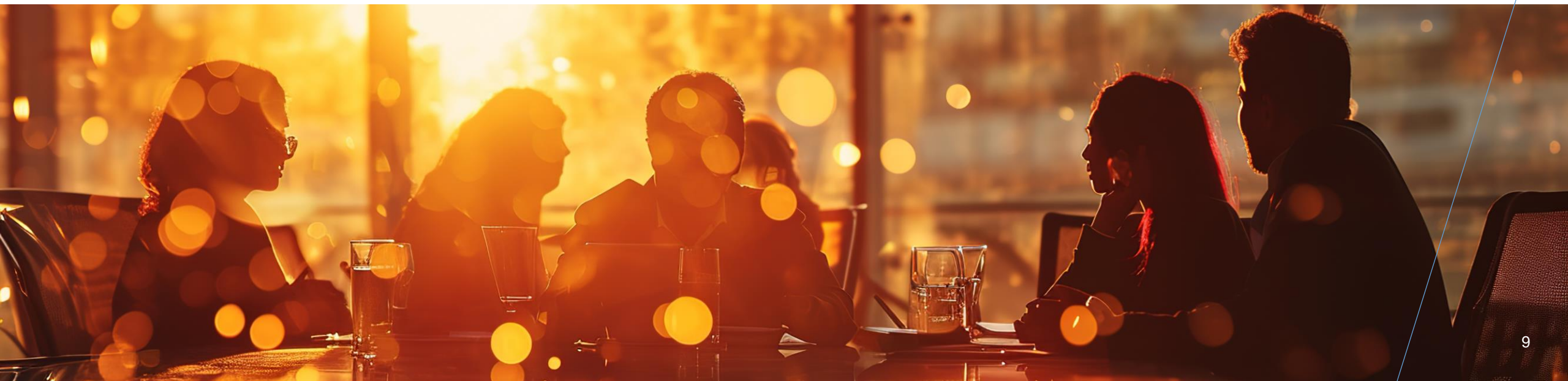
Note: EOs may appear one
day or more after signed.



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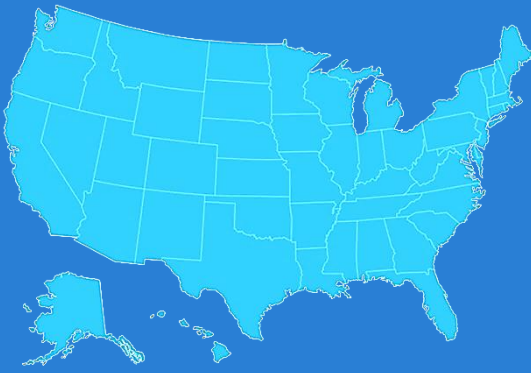
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TAKING ACTION IN A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY



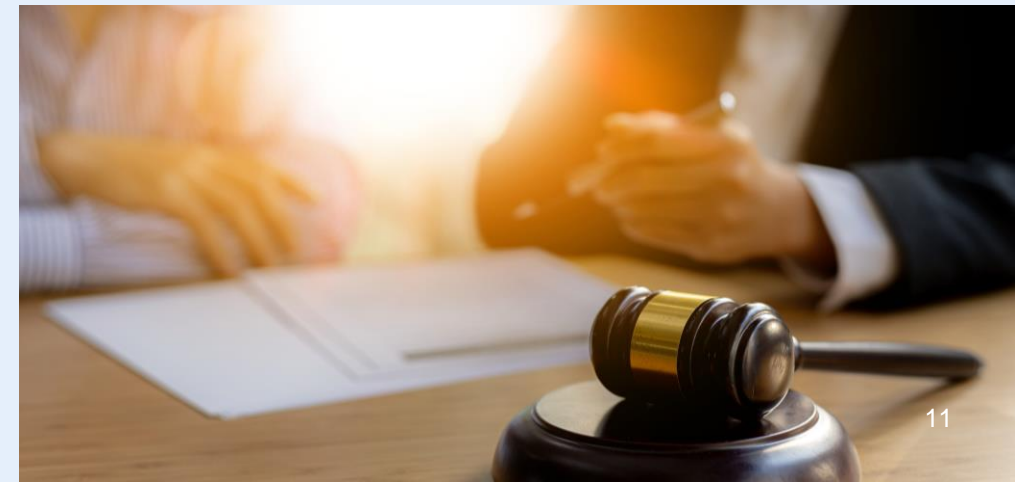
STATE ENGAGEMENT



- **Educate** yourself and others.
- Set up a **Google alert** to receive updates on executive orders.
- **Engage your associations** for expert guidance and support.
- Utilize [Change.org](https://www.change.org) or [MoveOn.org](https://www.moveon.org) to **create petitions** against specific orders.
- **No complaints** without **action**.
- Respond to NBCCs **Action Alerts** and other counseling organizations: votervoice.net/NBCCGRASSROOTS/HOME

- **Monitor** state-level implementation of federal directives.
- **Check in** with your licensure boards on practice policy changes based on executive orders.
- **Advocate** for protections from your governor and state legislatures.
- **Engage** with your paneled insurance companies on policy changes you need to know.

MONITOR AND EDUCATE



FEDERAL ENGAGEMENT



- **Engage** with elected representatives.
- **Write** the White House administration with your concerns and potential impacts.
- **Organize** and join advocacy groups.
- **Leverage** media and public platforms.
- **Leverage** legal channels.
- **Vote** in midterm elections.



*“There is no
hope without action.”*

– Ray Bradbury

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POLICY, ADVOCACY, AND RESEARCH IN COUNSELING (PARC) CENTER

Research to inform policy articulation.

COUNSELORS UNITED

Counselor legislative advocacy group.

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Grassroots engagement efforts at the state and national levels.



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