

# Advice for partnering

- ✓ **Recognize the differential impact and timing of OBBA policies.** Non-expansion states are not as impacted by the policy changes.
- ✓ **Be aware of the fiscal context.** States must balance their budgets, and in leaner fiscal environments, Medicaid will necessarily face pressure to find savings.
- ✓ **Acknowledge operational realities for Medicaid,** such as the need for further guidance from CMS, budget forecasting, IT systems issues, and the role of state legislatures.
- ✓ **Partner in offering solutions and expertise,** such as helping Medicaid communicate policy changes to members, providers, and other stakeholders, as well as in other areas (behavioral health, pharmacy, long-term care, and value-based payment) that may be instrumental to saving program funds and achieving better outcomes for members.

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