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## LIVING HISTORY



Jan Dulmaine, 72, of Brookfield simmers sap in pots over a fireplace in the Small House on the first day of Maple Days at Old Sturbridge Village. ALLAN JUNG/TELEGRAM & GAZETTE

## How Doctors' Day became a rallying point for health care reform

Isabella Oland  
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While Doctors' Day has traditionally celebrated physicians' contributions — specifically the date of the first use of general anesthesia in surgery by Dr. Crawford W. Long on March 30, 1842 — this year Massachusetts physicians are redefining it as a platform for advocacy.

Facing federal funding cuts and growing primary care shortages, Massachusetts physicians met with legislators on March 25 at the State House to call for urgent policy action.

Physicians from the Massachusetts Medical Society gathered for their first in-person Doctors' Day since before the COVID-19 pandemic to advocate for bills to increase primary care access, improve childhood immunization rates, and bolster protections for immigrant health care access.

The renewed urgency comes as the "Big Beautiful Bill," passed by Congress last July, is expected to cut \$3.5 billion annually from federal health care funding to Massachusetts. The cuts amount to about 5% of the state's proposed total budget for fiscal 2027. This will lead to about 326,000 residents losing health care insurance coverage, according to a minority report of the Joint Economic Committee, based on a report by the Congressional Budget Office.

"I'm proud of the advocacy this day represents, but I encourage you to do more," Dr. Kiame Mahaniah, the state's secretary of Health and Human Services, told physicians. Mahaniah emphasized that physicians play a critical role in clinical care, but must also advocate for the broader health care system throughout the state.

**An aging workforce means a shrinking workforce**

Access to primary care physicians

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## Plimoth Patuxet, Old Sturbridge Village named top outdoor museums

Catherine Messier  
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Looking for an outdoor museum to visit in Massachusetts?

Two of the state's museums were just named among the country's best open-air museums in USA TODAY's 10Best Readers' Choice Awards. The annual 10Best awards highlight the best in travel, food and lifestyle, and winners are chosen by a public voting poll after being nominated by industry experts.

In the 2026 best museum awards, ranking all different types of museums across the country, two Massachusetts museums placed in the open-air museum

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A scene from the Pilgrim Village at Plimoth Patuxet living museum in Plymouth on Nov. 10, 2020. STEVE HEASLIP/CAPE COD TIMES

## Attorneys want to limit ICE presence in courts

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The MetroWest Daily News  
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Every day, victims of domestic violence must decide whether to go to court and obtain a restraining order, fearing it

could lead to more violence from their abusers.

That decision is even tougher for victims who are immigrants and who may have entered the country illegally, as federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents are often waiting in and

around court, putting victims in fear of being arrested and deported.

"I have both clients and witnesses who are afraid to go to court," said Ernest Horn, a Mendon-based attorney. "It does concern me that victims are trying to figure out what's more dangerous to them —

getting grabbed by ICE or getting beaten up by their abusers."

Lawyers and advocates say ICE's presence in courthouses hinders legal proceedings. Defendants skip court because

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