

Health Reform Bill

Provisions effective in 6 Months (2010)

- Provides \$250 rebate for Medicare beneficiaries who fall in the doughnut hole in 2010 (50% discount on drugs goes into effect in 2011 for individuals in the doughnut hole)
- In 2011, seniors in Medicare will receive free annual check-ups and will not have to pay a co-payment for mammograms, colonoscopies and other preventive screenings
- Creates a \$5 billion reinsurance fund to help employers who provide health benefits to early retirees ages 55 to 64 (goes into effect in 90 days)
- Eliminates pre-existing conditions for non-dependent children up to age 26
- Prohibits insurers from placing lifetime limits on coverage
- *Restricts* new plan's use of annual limits on coverage
- Prohibits rescission or dropping coverage when individuals became sick
- Provides \$5 billion to states to create high risk insurance pool for individuals denied insurance due to pre-existing condition and have been without insurance for six months (goes into effect in 90 days)
- Creates a public health and wellness fund and requires new private insurance plans to offer preventive services without co-payments
- Provides up to a 35 % tax credits to small business that offer health care coverage to their employees
- Creates new and independent appeal process by which consumers can appeal decision by their health insurance plans
- By 2011, requires plans in the individual and small group market to spend 80 percent of premium dollars on medical services, and plans in the large group market to spend 85 percent.

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Provisions effective in 2014

- Requires payment to primary care physicians under Medicaid to be 100% of Medicare rates (begins in 2013)
- Eliminates pre-existing conditions for all
- *Prohibits* annual limits on coverage on all plans
- Provides up to a 50% tax credit to small business that provide insurance to their employees through the exchange
- Creates state insurance exchange where uninsured individuals and small employers can purchase insurance
- Provides subsidies for individuals with incomes up to 400% of federal poverty level (\$88,000 for a family of four to purchase insurance)
- Expands Medicaid to cover individuals under 65 up to 133% of federal poverty level (\$29,326 for family of four)