



HEALTHCARE ROUND-UP



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[President Trump Issues Executive Order on Healthcare](#)

NAPEO is closely following the effects of the healthcare [executive order](#) President Trump issued last week. However, until the actual proposed regulations called for in the Order are issued, NAPEO cannot determine the exact impact on the PEO industry. However, given the parameters of the Executive Order, it is clear that the President wants associations and other similar groups to be able to provide coverage to small employers on a large group basis. Read more from NAPEO [here](#).

[Trump's Order Advances GOP Go-To Ideas to Broaden Insurance Choices, Curb Costs](#)

Kaiser Health News

The Trump administration Thursday advanced a wide-ranging executive order aimed at expanding lower-cost insurance options, allowing employers to give workers money to buy their own coverage and slowing consolidation in the insurance and hospital industries.

[Trump Executive Order: Potential Benefits for Employers but Questions Remain](#)

Employee Benefits News

Employer groups largely cheered the White House's executive order proposing changes to the Affordable Care Act as a potentially positive move for business, but many unanswered questions remain as to the practical implications of the order and whether or not past abuses will resurface.

[In Start to Unwinding the Health Law, Trump to Ease Insurance Rules](#)

The Wall Street Journal

President Donald Trump signed an executive order last Thursday to initiate the unwinding of the ACA, paving the way for sweeping changes to health-insurance regulations by instructing agencies to allow the sale of less-comprehensive health plans to expand.



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If the ACA has created extra anxiety for your organization or your clients over the last seven years, you're not alone. While executive actions continue, employers must remain compliant with all ACA employee health coverage and annual notification and information reporting obligations. It's business as usual.

[2 Senators Reach Deal on Health Law Fix, But Bringing Congress Along Is Tricky](#)

Kaiser Health News

After nearly two months of negotiations, Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) and Patty Murray (D-Wash.), respectively the chairman and the top Democrat of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee said Tuesday they have reached a bipartisan deal on a proposal intended to stabilize the Affordable Care Act's insurance market, which has been rocked by recent actions by President Donald Trump.

[Cadillac Tax, State Waivers Could Resurface with Senate ACA Subsidies Agreement](#)

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Details of the Alexander-Murray plan are still being worked out, but James Gelfand, senior vice president of health policy at the ERISA Industry Committee, says there are at least three very different topline scenarios businesses should monitor as the bill is finalized and begins moving through Congress.

[Trump Reverses Course, Indicates Opposition to Obamacare Deal](#)

The Hill

President Trump on Wednesday suggested he will oppose a bipartisan deal to help stabilize Obamacare, reversing comments he made one day earlier. Trump wrote on Twitter that he was "supportive" of the deal's architect, Senate Health Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), as well as the Senate process, but said he would "never support bailing out" insurance companies, saying they "have made a fortune" under Obamacare.

[Trump nominates Rutledge to be Assistant Secretary of EBSA](#)

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President Trump will nominate Preston Rutledge to be the next Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA). Rutledge, who currently serves as senior tax and benefits counsel for Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT), will fill the role that was left vacant when Obama-appointee Phyllis Borzi left the position in January.