



HEALTHCARE ROUND-UP



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[Repeal and Replace Watch](#)

Kaiser Health News

Kaiser health news has created a new service that is collecting news reports, analysis, and data on the efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Feel free to check on this service as the debate on repeal/replace moves forward.

[Trump Says His Team Will Put Forward Obamacare Plan](#)

The Hill

President-elect Donald Trump said that his administration will put forward a plan to repeal and replace Obamacare "essentially simultaneously." "We're going to be submitting, as soon as our secretary is approved, almost simultaneously, shortly thereafter, a plan," Trump said, referring to his pick to lead the Department of Health and Human Services, Rep. Tom Price (R-Ga.). "It will be repeal and replace.

[Ryan: GOP's Goal is to Replace, Repeal Obamacare 'Concurrently'](#)

The Hill

Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) said on Tuesday that some elements required to replace Obamacare could be included in the earlier process to repeal the healthcare law. Ryan, however, didn't identify specific elements or get into other details of how that process would work.

[Five Senate Republicans Seek to Slow Down Obamacare Repeal](#)

Politico

A group of moderate Senate Republicans introduced an amendment Monday to give Republicans additional time to repeal Obamacare. Republican Senators Susan Collins (ME), Bob Corker (TN), Lisa Murkowski (AK), Bill Cassidy (LA), and Rob Portman (OH) want to extend the deadline for a repeal bill until March 3 under an arcane budget procedure called reconciliation that prevents a Democratic filibuster. The existing resolution's deadline is Jan. 27, although none of the deadlines are binding.

[Freedom Caucus Looks to Delay Budget - and Obamacare Repeal](#)

Politico

The House Freedom Caucus wants to delay a vote on a budget that includes Obamacare repeal instructions, a potential setback for the GOP's - and Donald Trump's - top priority. The group of hardline conservatives wants more information about what a repeal bill and Obamacare replacement would look like before they support the fiscal 2017 budget. That budget blueprint — which is expected on the House floor later this week after being approved by the Senate on Tuesday or Wednesday — would unlock a fast-tracking procedure that will be used to speed a repeal through Congress.

[The Republican Study Committee's ACA Replacement Proposal](#)

Health Affairs Blog

The 115th Congress convened on January 3 and as already reported one of their first orders of business was to begin the process of repealing parts of the ACA through the budget reconciliation process. A big question left unanswered, however, is what would replace the ACA? On January 4, 2017, the House Republican Study Committee, a caucus of conservative Republican House members, introduced the [American Health Care Reform Act](#) (AHCRA), their replacement proposal. This is only one of [several Republican](#) replacement proposals.

[Obamacare Repeal's Domsday Scenario](#)

Politico

Hospital and health plan leaders talk in almost apocalyptic terms about what might lie ahead if Republicans abolish Obamacare without a blueprint for its replacement. Their doomsday scenario: Millions of people could lose their healthcare coverage, hospitals could hemorrhage cash and shocks to the \$3 trillion-a-year health system could send ripples through the entire economy.

[Full Report: 2016 21st Annual Willis Towers Watson Best Practices in Health Care Employer Survey](#)

Willis Towers Watson

According to findings from our 21st annual Best Practices in Healthcare Employer Survey conducted in the summer of 2016, employers' confidence that they will offer benefits 10 years from now rose to 54 percent in 2016, from 44 percent last year, more than double the lowest confidence levels in 2012 (23 percent). Even as questions grow about the law's future, employers continue to focus on controlling costs and adopting solutions to improve the effectiveness of their healthcare programs.

[Internal Revenue Service: Employers and Coverage Providers: 11 Facts about Health Care Information Forms](#)

Health Care Tax Tip 2016-82, December 28, 2016

Under the ACA, insurance companies, self-insured companies, and large businesses and businesses that provide health insurance to their employees must submit information returns to the IRS and individuals reporting on health coverage. Taxpayers can use the information on these forms when they file their tax returns to verify the months that they had minimum essential coverage and determine if they satisfied the individual shared responsibility provision of the healthcare law. The IRS will use the information on the statements to verify the months of the individual's coverage. Here is some information about the types of forms, the purpose of each, and noteworthy dates.

[Internal Revenue Service: Questions and Answers about Information Reporting by Employers on Form 1094-C and Form 1095-C](#)

These FAQs provide additional information about completing Form 1094-C and Form 1095-C for calendar year 2016 that are to be filed in 2017. The FAQs may be used in conjunction with the [Instructions for Forms 1094-C and 1095-C](#), which provide detailed information about completing the forms.

[How COBRA Intersects with Medicare and Retiree Health Plans](#)

HR Daily Advisor

We're going to look at Medicare entitlement in the context of retiree health plans - as well as what happens to participants in your retiree plan if you decide to eliminate this coverage.

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