

Health Reform Implementation Timeframe: Key Provisions

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• Electronic funds transfers and health care payment and remittance rules adopted by July 1.	
Reduce Medicare payments for preventive hospital readmissions.	



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• Limit amount of contributions to an FSA for medical expenses from 7.5% of adjusted gross income to 10% for regular tax purposes. Waives increase for individuals 65 and older for tax years 2013-2016.

- Increases Medicare Part A tax rate on wages by 0.9% on earnings over \$200,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for married couples filing jointly. Imposes a 3.8% tax on unearned income for higher-income taxpayers.
- Eliminates tax deduction for employers receiving Medicare Part D retiree drug subsidy payments.
- Imposes excise tax of 2.9% on the sale of any taxable medical device.
- Create the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) program. Appropriate \$6 billion to finance program and award loans and grants to establish CO-OPs by July 1.
- Regulations issued by July 1 permitting states to form health care choice compacts and allow insurers to sell policies in any state participating in the compact.
- Administrative simplification rules become effective Jan 1.
- Electronic funds transfers and health care payment and remittance rules become effective Jan. 1.
- Federal subsidies of 25% of brand name drug cost phase-in begins.
- Medicare pilot program begins to test bundled payments.

• Individual mandate phased-in.

- Premium and cost-sharing subsidies to individuals.
- Employer mandate begins.
- For tax years 2014 and beyond, employer tax credit Phase II begins.
- Medicaid expansion begins. States to receive 100% federal financing for increased payment rates through 2016, after which the payment will phase-down.
- Temporary reinsurance program for employers providing insurance to retirees over age 55 still not eligible for Medicare begins.
- Imposes \$8 billion fee on insurance sector.
- Provisions relating to American Health Benefit Exchanges effective January 1, unless otherwise noted.
- Creates essential health benefits package. All health plans except grandfathered individual and employer-sponsored plans, required to offer at least the essential health benefits package.
- Grandfathered group plans may only impose annual limits as determined by HHS. Must eliminate pre-existing condition exclusions for adults.
- Limit waiting periods for coverage to 90 days.
- $\bullet \quad \hbox{Allow states the option of merging the individual and small group markets.}$
- Require risk adjustment in the individual and small group markets.
- States permitted to create a Basic Health Plan for uninsured individuals between 133-200% FPL in lieu of these individuals receiving premium subsidies to purchase coverage in the Exchange.
- Health claims or equivalent encounter information, enrollment and disenrollment in a health plan, plan premium payments and referral certification and authorization rules adopted by July 1.



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2015	 Imposes \$11.3 billion fee on insurance sector through 2016. Creates state-based American Health Benefit Exchanges and Small Business Health Options Program Exchanges for individuals & small businesses with up to 100 employees.
2016	• Health claims or equivalent encounter information, enrollment and disenrollment in a health plan, plan premium payments and referral certification and authorization rules effective by Jan. 1.
2017	 Imposes \$3.5 billion fee on pharmaceutical manufacturing sector. Imposes \$13.9 billion fee on insurance sector. States may allow businesses with more than 100 employees to purchase coverage in the SHOP exchange.
2018	 Excise tax on "Cadillac plans" valued at more than \$10,300 for individual coverage and \$27,500 for family coverage. Imposes \$4.2 billion fee on pharmaceutical manufacturing sector. Imposes \$14.3 billion fee on insurance sector. IPAB recommendations submitted if Medicare per capita spending exceeds GDP per capita plus 1%.
2019	• Imposes \$2.8 billion fee on pharmaceutical manufacturing sector.