Cadillac Tax EXPECTATIONS VS. REALITY

What's the Cadillac tax?



Starting in 2022, there will be a 40% tax on health insurance plans that cost more than \$10,200 for individuals and \$27,500 for families.



EXPECTATIONS



Initially was supposed to affect just **3%** of plans.¹



"an excise tax on . . . executives at Goldman Sachs" - David Axelrod, Senior Advisor to President Obama, 2009.3



Will affect **overly** generous, gold-plated plans.



Congressional Budget Office expects that the tax will raise \$91 billion over a decade.6



Who's affected?



What type of plans?



Revenue?



"Over time...virtually every employer will be subject to th Cadillac tax." – Kaiser Famil Foundation SVP Larry Levitt²



The tax will hit a higher percentage of state/local government employers - like schools and police departments - than finance firms.4



In 26 states, the typical plan hit by the tax is equivalent to the mid-level "Silver" plans on the ACA's exchanges.5



3/4 of that \$91 billion comes from increased income taxes, on the expectation that employers will compensate for cutting benefits by raising wages.7

Cadillac Tax DESTINATION: FEWER BENEFITS & HIGHER COSTS

EMPLOYERS PLAN TO RAISE COSTS AND REDUCE BENEFITS. ONE IN THREE EMPLOYERS HAS OPTED TO OFFER ONLY HIGH-DEDUCTIBLE PLANS — OR IS CONSIDERING DOING SO.8





MAJOR EMPLOYERS ARE DROPPING COVERAGE FOR SPOUSES. 9



HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT
ARRANGEMENTS, HEALTH SAVINGS
ACCOUNTS AND FLEXIBLE
SPENDING ACCOUNTS — WHICH
REDUCE HEALTHCARE SPENDING —
"WILL LIKELY BE AMONG THE FIRST
BENEFITS CUT." 10

But even cutting benefits won't help many employers avoid the tax.

74% OF EMPLOYERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE HIT BY THE TAX. 11



20% OF EMPLOYERS SAY THE CADILLAC TAX WILL BE THEIR SINGLE BIGGEST COST DRIVER. 12



