Get to Know the Health Reform Law: How It Will Impact You and Your Business

Health Care Reform Law and the 2012 Presidential Election

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History of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)

• Signed into law by President Obama on March 23, 2010
  – Passed the U.S. Senate on December 24, 2009, passed by reconciliation (needed only 51 votes)
  – Passed the U.S. House of Representatives on March 21, 2010
President Obama

• Continue to champion implementation of the Affordable Care Act
  – Emphasizing the consumer protection aspects of the law
    • Eliminates denial of coverage due to pre-existing condition
    • No lifetime cap on coverage
    • Essential Health Benefits
    • Premium Assistance Tax Credits
Governor Romney

- Will issue an Executive Order that provides waivers to all fifty states in implementing the Affordable Care Act.

- Work with Congress to repeal the legislation as quickly as possible.
Governor Romney’s Plan

• Return to states the responsibility of caring for the poor, uninsured, and chronically ill.
• Block grant Medicaid and other payments to states.
• Create purchasing pools for individuals and small businesses.
• Prevent discrimination against individuals with pre-existing conditions
• Allow HSA’s to be used for insurance premiums
Senate Control

• In order for President Obama to move forward with implementing the ACA or a Romney Administration to repeal/replace the ACA, they will need the support of the U.S. Senate.

  – 33 Senate Races
    • 10 Open Seats
    • 23 Incumbents
    • 6 “Toss-Up” Contests

  – Likely scenario, no one party will hold “Super Majority” and the Chamber could be evenly split, 50/50.
House Control

- It is unlikely the Republicans will lose control of the House of Representatives, but Democrats are expected to pick up 7+ seats

- 435 Seats
  - 15 “Toss-Up” Contests
    - 4 Current D seats
    - 11 Current R seats

- Projected election outcome:
  - Republicans (235) & Democrats (200)
Campaign Information

- **President Obama**
  - To learn more about President Obama’s position on health care, please visit his website: www.barackobama.com

- **Governor Romney**
  - To understand Governor Romney’s repeal and replace proposal, visit his website: www.mittromney.com
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