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# Federal Update

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# Affordable Care Act

- Repeal and replace: Is the Trump Administration and Congress moving on?
- Do they try again next year (could do another budget reconciliation in late 2018)?
- “Synthetic repeal” (Andy Slavitt)

# ACA Issues

- Cuts to enrollment assistance
  - Vehicle to limit enrollment
- Cost sharing reductions (Alexander/Murray)
  - If payments not made, drives up consumer costs
- Trump Administration denying state plan amendments, innovation waivers (Iowa)
  - Limit states' ability to fix local marketplace issues
- Executive Order

# Executive Order

- Allows “association health plans”: ability for plans to be offered with no protections for pre-existing conditions and could turn the ACA into a high risk pool
- Allow insurers to sell across state lines

# Additional Issues

- Tax reform – vehicle for health care cuts? \$1+ trillion budget shortfall
- Contraceptive Mandate
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- FY 2018 Budget Resolution
- DACA negotiations
- FY 2019 Budget Reconciliation
- What happens to markets in 2019?

# Federal Timeline

- September 30: CHIP, Community Health Center, National Health Service Corps, Teaching Health Center GME \$ expired
- October: Finalize Budget Resolutions, act on the expired health programs?
- October/November: Drafting and action on tax reform legislation (Nov. 13 target)
- Dec. 8: Continuing Resolution for FY 2018 Discretionary Appropriations expires, Debt Limit increase expires
- End of December: Intention to pass tax reform; 10 states run out of CHIP \$, HRSA exhausts community health center grant \$
- February 2018: President's FY 2019 Budget released
- March/April 2018: FY 2019 Budget Resolution adopted
- March 2018: DACA recipients being losing protections if no action

Questions?



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