Health Care Reform At-a-Glance Impact of Affordable Care Act (ACA) provisions by line of business

The following charts provide a summary of provisions within the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and their impact on the different funding types and lines of business. This is subject to change as we receive additional guidance and information and should only be used for reference purposes.

2010 Provisions			
Unless otherwise noted, these provisions went into effe	Small Group Large Group Self-fund		
Dependent coverage for adult children to age 26	Υ	Y	Υ
No lifetime or annual dollar limits on essential health benefits	Υ	Υ	Υ
No lifetime dollar limits on coverage	Υ	Υ	Υ
100% coverage for in-network preventive care ¹	Υ	Υ	Υ
No annual dollar limits on certain types of benefits (restricted annual limits until 2014)	Υ	Υ	Υ
No pre-authorization for emergency services ¹ (patient protection)	Υ	Υ	Υ
No higher cost share for out-of-network emergency services ¹ (patient protection)	Υ	Υ	Υ
No pre-existing condition exclusions for children	Υ	Υ	Υ
No pre-tax reimbursements from health spending or flexible			
spending accounts (HSA/FSA for non-prescribed over-the-counter medications	Υ	Υ	Υ
Lactation breaks for women with a need to express breast milk during working hours	Υ	Υ	Υ
Small Business Tax Credits up to 35% (less than 25 employees)	Υ	N	Υ

¹The law does not require grandfathered plans to comply with this provision. However, in some cases insurance providers have decided to extend these provisions regardless of grandfathered status.

2011 Provisions						
Unless otherwise noted, the provisions went into effect for plan years on or after 01/01/2011						
Small Group Large Group Self-funded						
20% tax for non-qualified HSA withdrawals	ax for non-qualified HSA withdrawals Y					
MLR requirements	Υ	Υ	NA			
(Medical Loss Ratio)	(80%)	(85%)				

2012 Provisions Unless otherwise noted, the provisions went into effect for plan years on or after 09/23/2012					
Small Group Large Group Self-ful					
Reporting value of employer-sponsored coverage on W-2	Transitional relief	Y	Υ		
Summary of Benefits & Coverage (SBC)	Y	Υ	Υ		
60-day notice of material modification	Υ	Υ	Y		
Women's Preventive Care	γ*	γ*	γ*		

^{*}Effective for new or renewing plans on or after 08/01/2012. Additionally, religious exemption or one-year enforcement safe harbor available for groups that meet certain specific criteria outlined in the regulation.

2013 Provisions Unless otherwise noted, exact dates of implementation are to be determined					
Small Group Large Group Self-funde					
Reporting value of employer sponsored coverage on W-2	Transitional relief*	Υ	Υ		
Employee notification of exchanges, including subsidies and tax credits	Y	Y	Υ		
Flexible spending account contributions limited to \$2,500/year (effective 01/01/2013)	Y	Y	Υ		

^{*} Awaiting guidance as to when transitional relief will expire.

2014 Provisions						
Unless otherwise noted, exact dates of implementation are to be determined						
Please see chart "2014 Impacts" for specific on/off exchange plan impacts						
Small Group Large Group Self-funded						
	Y	Υ .				
Insurer fee (or Health Insurance Tax)	(health plan pays on employer's behalf)	(health plan pays on employer's behalf)	NA			
	,	3,	Υ			
	Υ	Υ	(employer			
Transitional reinsurance fee	(health plan pays	(health plan pays	encouraged to			
Transitional remodratice rec	on employer's	on employer's	calculate			
	behalf)	behalf)	amount and pay			
			fee directly³)			
No pre-existing condition exclusions regardless of age	Υ	Υ	Υ			
Coverage waiting period not to exceed 90 days	Υ	Υ	Υ			
	Υ		Υ			
Employers with 50+ employees required to offer coverage	(dependent on	Υ	(dependent on			
with minimum value (MV)	number of	ĭ	number of			
, ,	employees)		employees)			
		Υ	Υ			
Auto-enrollment required by employers with 200 + employees	NA	(dependant on	(dependant on			
		number of	number of			
		employees)	employees)			
HIPPA nondiscrimination rules on wellness programs	Υ	Υ	Υ			
Wellness program maximum incentive increase to 30% ²	Υ ³	Υ	Y			

²Up to 50 percent for programs designed to prevent or reduce tobacco use.

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2014 Provisions (cont.) Unless otherwise noted, exact dates of implementation are to be determined Please see chart "2014 Impacts" for specific on/off exchange plan impacts						
Small Group Large Group Self-funded						
Guaranteed issue – health plans Y Y Y						
Rating limitations Y NA NA						
Small business tax credits up to 50% (less than 25 employees) Y N Y						

2018 Provisions				
Unless otherwise noted, exact dates of implementation are to be determined				
Small Group Large Group Self-funded				
40% excise tax on high-cost "Cadillac" plans	Υ	Υ	Υ	

2014 Impacts					
	Small Group Fully-Insured Market		Large Group Fully-Insured Market (until 2017)	Self-Insured Market	
	On Exchange	Off Exchange	Off Exchange	Off Exchange	
Coverage for essential health benefits (EHBs)	Must cover	Must cover	Coverage not required	Coverage not required	
Lifetime / Annual limits	No limits on EHBs Other limits ok	No limits on EHBs Other limits ok	No limits on EHBs Other limits ok	No limits on EHBs Other limits ok	
Deductible limits	Applies	Applies	NA	NA	
Out-of-pocket maximum limitations	Applies	Applies in NGF	Applies in NGF	Applies in NGF	
Metal levels (actuarial value or AV)	Must meet 1 of 4 AV levels	Must meet 1 of 4 AV levels for NGF	N/A (risk penalty if plan is not 60% MV)	N/A (risk penalty if plan is not 60% MV)	
Rating rules	Standardized rating	Standardized rating for NGF	NA	NA	
No pre-existing condition exclusions	Applies	Applies	Applies	Applies	
90-day waiting period limitation	Applies	Applies	Applies	Applies	
HIPPA nondiscrimination on wellness programs	Applies	Applies	Applies to NGF	Applies to NGF	

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