

Federal Legislative & Regulatory Activity

Health Care Provisions in Recent Tax and Budget Deals

- **Tax changes that affect Affordable Care Act Marketplace**
 - Individual mandate penalty was repealed, effective 2019 tax year
 - Other taxes delayed or suspended
 - Excise tax on high-cost employer plans delayed until 2022
 - Taxes in device makers, fully-insured health plans suspended 1-2 years
- **Regulatory changes also undermine ACA risk pool**
 - Proposed changes to short-term plans exempt from ACA rules, consumer protections
 - Intent to expand Association Health Plan enrollment (likely to preempt state insurance regulation)
 - No signs of support for restoring cost-sharing reduction payments
- **DE HCC and DOI to explore federal grant opportunity**

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- **CHIP and Community Health Center funding reauthorized**
 - CHIP reauthorized for 10 years total, through 2027
 - CHIP enhanced matching rate to be phased down over 4 years
- **Community Health Center funding extended**
 - After long delay, Congress extended \$7.8 billion in funding for two years
 - Increased total support by \$600 million in supplemental grants
 - Focused on priorities shared by Delaware
 - Primary care access, behavioral health integration, SUD treatment
 - Telehealth, care coordination
 - Reducing total cost of care