



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 24, 2010

H.R. 4887 **TRICARE Affirmation Act**

As passed by the House of Representatives on March 20, 2010

H.R. 4887 would amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) to clarify that health benefit programs administered by the Department of Defense would meet the criteria for minimal essential coverage required by that act. Because the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation believe those programs already meet the criteria for minimal essential coverage—which will be determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services—we estimate H.R. 4887 would have no significant effects on the federal budget.

Enacting H.R. 4887 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Matthew Schmit. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.