



Senate Amendment to H.R. 3762 Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015

On December 3, 2015, the Senate passed, 52-47, a substitute amendment to the House-passed Restoring Americans' Healthcare Reconciliation Act of 2015 (H.R. 3762) to repeal as much of Obamacare as possible through the budget reconciliation process, and to meet the requirements of the Byrd Rule.

Repealing Obamacare

The Senate amendment builds upon the House-passed reconciliation bill to dismantle Obamacare by repealing the coverage subsidies, tax credits, and the Medicaid expansion provisions, effective in 2018, paving the way for patient-centered health care solutions. The Senate amendment also repeals the vast majority of the burdensome Obamacare taxes in 2016 (e.g., medical device tax, health insurance tax, medicine cabinet tax and other HSA/FSA restrictions, etc.), while ending the individual mandate and employer mandate penalties immediately.

According to the Congressional Budget Office [CBO], repealing major provisions of Obamacare in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3762 would reduce the deficit by \$516 billion over the 2016-2025 period, including macroeconomic feedback (see table).

CBO Estimate of Senate Amendment to H.R. 3762 (with macroeconomic feedback)

Repeal of Obamacare coverage subsidies, credits, Medicaid expansion, etc.	\$1349 billion savings
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Repeal of Obamacare taxes and penalties	\$833 billion cost
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Total Deficit Reduction	\$516 billion
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Defending Life and Promoting Access to Health Care

The Senate amendment also ends taxpayer funding to abortion providers, such as Planned Parenthood, for one year. The measure invests in community health centers to promote greater access to care for women, men, children, and the unborn. The Senate amendment also provides grants to States to respond to the substance abuse public health crisis and mental health needs.