

# BETTER CARE AMERICA

# Health Insurance Tax (HIT)

The Health Insurance Tax (HIT) is a more than \$100 billion tax on seniors, small businesses, state budgets, and every single person who has coverage through a job or buys their own coverage. While it was originally enacted in 2010, the huge burden that this tax would put on American families has led to it being delayed by Congress twice already with strong bipartisan support.

Unfortunately, the current delay of the Health Insurance Tax expires at the end of 2019. That means that **next year, millions of hardworking Americans could see hundreds of dollars in higher health care costs.**

Members of Congress are listening to their constituents and have made addressing rising health care costs a priority. We all agree: we need to focus on bringing down health care costs. Taxing coverage again is a step backwards.

Current proposals in the House, **each with strong bipartisan support**, to protect Americans and their families include:

- **Jobs and Premium Protection Act (H.R. 2447)**  
*Sponsored by Rep. Anthony Brindisi (D-NY-22)*  
Permanently repeals the HIT
- **Health Insurance Tax Relief Act (H.R. 1398)**  
*Sponsored by Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA-07)*  
Suspends the HIT for 2020 and 2021

These solutions protect hundreds of millions of Americans – including families, seniors, small business owners, and employees – from higher costs. They also protect jobs and help keep state Medicaid programs strong.

**Everyone deserves to have access to quality health care at a price they can afford. And Congress can take action now to ensure a broken bone doesn't break the bank – by delaying or repealing the Health Insurance Tax.**

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**CONGRESS MUST ACT NOW TO DELAY OR REPEAL THE HEALTH INSURANCE TAX.**

This tax could raise costs by hundreds of dollars for hundreds of millions of Americans in 2020, including:



**\$241 per year**  
for the more than 22 million seniors  
and others with Medicare Advantage



**\$154-\$158 per year**  
for the 180 million Americans with health  
care coverage through their employer



**\$196 per year**  
for the 5 million Americans who  
purchase individual coverage



**\$157 per year**  
for the 66 million Americans who  
rely on Medicaid