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The Biden Administration and Health Care

Health care and COVID pandemic response were core elements of the Biden campaign. It is yet to be seen how the health care industry will be impacted by the new administration. Employers should begin to prepare for possible changes in health care and employee benefits. The Biden administration plans to expand ACA incrementally. If the Senate maintains Republican majority, Biden will face roadblocks with Health Care legislation.

Below are the top priorities of the Biden-Harris COVID response:

- Increase testing
- Address PPE shortages
- Distribute vaccines and treatments
- Establish additional protections for high-risk and older population
- Work with local authorities on public health measures
- Offer federal relief

The following topics will be top priorities for the Biden administration's health care agenda:

- ACA
- Public option
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Tax credits
- Drug pricing

The possibility of congressional gridlock could impact the Health Care changes as outlined.

The attached document, Benefits Insights, discusses in detail how the Biden administration plans to handle COVID pandemic response and Health care as outlined in the campaign. We will continue to send out updates as they become available.

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