

OMNIBUS will be next FY 2018 budget bill

The House package that passed in November had two years of funding for health centers and delayed cuts of disproportionate-share hospital payments, which reimburse hospitals for charity care provided to low-income patients.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, (R-TN) is trying to add in the Insurance companies cost-sharing reductions to provide lower premiums to lower income people as well as a Reinsurance program to provide subsidies for highest claims on the individual market for two years in exchange for giving states more latitude to waive Obamacare regulations.