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House Passes Small Business Health Fairness Act

Legislation aims to boost health insurance by expanding coverage and lowering costs for working families.

In a bid to improve the health insurance purchasing clout of small businesses, House Republicans recently dusted off a piece of legislation more than a decade old as part of their on-going effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA).*

The bill would allow the establishment of nationwide “association health plans” (AHPs) that could be offered by professional or trade groups, chambers of commerce, etc. Small businesses could buy coverage through these associations, theoretically gaining strength in numbers to enhance their bargaining leverage with insurers...leading to cheaper, better coverage and lower administrative costs for employers that face limited resources.** [Read More>>](#)



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In late March 2017, Republican leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives withdrew the American Health Care Act (AHCA)—their proposed legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Because the House was unable to pass the AHCA, the ACA remains current law, and employers must continue to comply with all applicable ACA provisions.

While the future of the ACA as a whole is currently unclear, some definitive changes have been made to some ACA taxes and fees for 2017. Employers should be aware of the evolving applicability of existing ACA taxes and fees so that they know how the ACA affects their bottom lines. [Read More>>](#)

Medical marijuana: One year later

Medical marijuana was legalized in Pennsylvania a year ago Monday with the swipe of Gov. Tom Wolf’s pen, giving birth to a new industry.

Since that historic moment in Harrisburg, industry stakeholders have been hard at work.

Entrepreneurs have created businesses to grow, process and dispense medical marijuana, and they have been looking for real estate across Central Pennsylvania, including in Dauphin, Lancaster and York counties.

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