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How the Budget Agreement Impacts the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

On April 15, 2011, the President signed the new budget agreement for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. As part of the agreement, two notable provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) have been repealed.

The budget deal eliminates the Free Choice Voucher provision of PPACA. This provision would have required most employers (regardless of size) to offer “free choice vouchers” to lower-paid employees meeting specific criteria who chose to purchase coverage through the Exchange instead of through the employer’s health plan.

The budget compromise also cuts \$2.2 billion in funding for this fiscal year to help create health care co-operatives. However, the budget agreement leaves \$4.4 billion in funding for 2012.

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