

HR 2911

Small Business Healthcare Relief Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Apr 28, 2016
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		May 18, 2016
Rep. Heck, Joseph J. [R-NV-3]	R · NV		May 18, 2016
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Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		May 18, 2016
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Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jun 8, 2016
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Jun 10, 2016
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 16, 2015
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 26, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 10, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1697	Related bill	May 18, 2016: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-675.

Small Business Healthcare Relief Act

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to allow an employer with fewer than 50 employees that does not offer group health insurance coverage to establish a health reimbursement arrangement. Under the arrangement, funds contributed by an employer are excluded from the employer's taxable income and are used to pay or reimburse employees for medical care expenses, including premiums for individual health insurance coverage or Medicare supplemental insurance.

Such a reimbursement arrangement: (1) must not pay premiums for an employee covered by a family member's coverage, (2) must be offered to all eligible employees on the same terms and may only vary based on the number of individuals covered, and (3) is not required to provide continuation coverage.

Employer contributions to a reimbursement arrangement are not included in an employee's gross income if the employee was covered by the reimbursement arrangement for more than nine months of the year. Employees covered for less than nine months have a percentage of employer contributions included in their gross income, with exceptions.

An employee offered affordable individual health insurance coverage under a reimbursement arrangement is not eligible for a premium assistance tax credit.

Employers must report contributions to a reimbursement arrangement on their employees' W-2.

This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to exempt reimbursement arrangements from requirements for health insurance coverage. Insurance offered under a reimbursement arrangement remains subject to the requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Jul 10, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 26, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.