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**Latest Title:** Restoring Assistance for Families' and Seniors' Health Expenses Act of 2011

**Sponsor:** [Rep Reichert, David G.](#) [R-WA-8] (introduced 1/26/2011)   **Cosponsors:** [6](#)

**Committees:** House Ways and Means; House Energy and Commerce

**Latest Major Action:** 2/9/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**SUMMARY AS OF:**

1/26/2011--Introduced.

Restoring Assistance for Families' and Seniors' Health Expenses Act of 2011- Repeals provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) that: (1) increase from 7.5% to 10% the adjusted gross income threshold for claiming the tax deduction for medical expenses; (2) restrict payments from health savings accounts, medical savings accounts, and health flexible spending arrangements for medications solely to prescription drugs or insulin; (3) increase to 20% the penalty for distributions from a health savings or Archer medical savings account not used for qualified medical expenses; and (4) limit to \$2,500 the annual salary reduction contribution to a health flexible spending arrangement under a cafeteria plan.


Amends PPACA to treat a high deductible health plan as a qualified health plan under such Act.

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2/10/2011--Introduced.

Patients' Freedom to Choose Act - Repeals provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 that: (1) restrict payments from health **savings accounts, medical savings accounts**, and health flexible spending arrangements for medications to prescription drugs and insulin only; and (2) impose a \$2,500 limitation on salary reduction contributions to a health flexible spending arrangement under a cafeteria plan.

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**Latest Title:** Small Business Health Relief Act of 2011

**Sponsor:** [Rep Schweikert, David](#) [R-AZ-5] (introduced 7/27/2011)    **Cosponsors:** [3](#)

**Committees:** House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means

**Related Bills:** [S.1049](#)

**Latest Major Action:** 8/1/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

#### SUMMARY AS OF:

7/27/2011--Introduced.

Small Business Health Relief Act of 2011 - Repeals provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), as added by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), that: (1) impose fines on large employers (employers with more than 50 full-time employees) who fail to offer their full-time employees the opportunity to enroll in minimum essential health insurance coverage; and (2) require such large employers to file a report with the Secretary of the Treasury on health insurance coverage provided to their full-time employees.

Repeals provision of PPACA that: (1) set limits on the annual deductible on health plans offered in the small group market, (2) allow catastrophic plans to be offered in the individual market to individuals under the age of 30, and (3) impose an annual fee on health insurance entities.

Deems high deductible health plans to meet essential health benefits coverage requirements if the enrollee has established a health **savings account**.

Amends the Public Health Service Act, as amended by PPACA, to repeal provision that allow a premium rate variance by age in the individual or small group market.

Repeals restrictions on payments for medications from health **savings accounts**, **medical savings accounts**, and health flexible spending arrangements to prescription drugs or insulin.

Repeals provisions limiting annual salary reduction contributions by an employee to a health flexible spending arrangement under a cafeteria plan to \$2,500.

Allows a health plan to maintain its status as a grandfathered health plan regardless of any modification to the cost-sharing levels, employer contribution rates, or covered benefits. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to promulgate regulations to clarify the application of such provision. Makes this provision effective as if included in PPACA. Voids any regulations promulgated related to such provisions before enactment of this Act.

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