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Trump and the Affordable Care Act

Shortly after taking office, President Trump signed an executive order, “minimizing the economic burden on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act pending repeal.”

The order, several paragraphs long, does not identify which of the many federal rules that exist under the ACA the new administration intends to rewrite or eliminate. In general, federal rules cannot be undone with a penstroke, but require a new rule-making process to replace or delete them.

But in giving agencies permission to “waive, defer, grant exemptions from or delay” ACA rules, the order appears to create room for HHS to narrow or gut a set of medical benefits that the ACA compels insurers to include in health plans that it sells to individuals and small businesses. And in referring to relief from financial burdens, it could mean that the administration might try to ease taxes that the ACA imposes on various parts of the health-care industry — though it is unclear whether that would be possible, since the taxes are contained in the law itself.

The order directed all federal agencies “to minimize the unwarranted economic and regulatory burdens” of the Affordable Care Act — the first step of Trump’s central campaign promise to repeal and replace Obama’s health care plan.

What happens next - your guess is as good as mine. Stay tuned for further updates as the story continues to unfold. Have questions? Give me a call at (480) 385-2525 or email me at j.williams@greenlinkpayroll.com.

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