

GRAHAM-CASSIDY-HELLER OVERVIEW

- Federal dollars currently spent on Obamacare health insurance – an estimated \$121 billion in 2016 -- would be block-granted to the states.
- The individual mandate and employer mandate instituted under Obamacare would be repealed.
- The Obamacare requirements covering pre-existing conditions would be retained.
- The Obamacare medical device tax would be eliminated but other Obamacare taxes would remain in place.
- Federal Medicaid funding to the states will continue to grow in a sustainable manner, adjusted for inflation. Provides additional flexibility to the states to ensure health care dollars are spent in a manner providing the most effective and efficient coverage based on their health care needs and populations.
- Federal funds would be restricted to health care spending only. These funds could be distributed by the states in the forms of tax credits, subsidies, health savings account premiums, and other means as the individual states see fit to meet their health care needs.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

- Graham traveled to the White House and met with President Trump on July 28, one day after the Senate vote failed, to discuss Graham-Cassidy-Heller.
- President Trump was very optimistic about this new approach and Graham continues to work with the Administration to refine the proposal.

QUOTES FROM LINDSEY GRAHAM:

- “Instead of having a one-size-fits-all solution from Washington, Graham-Cassidy-Heller proposal says we should return dollars back to the states to address each individual state’s health care needs. Just like no two patients are the same, no two states’ health care needs are the same.”
- “The solution I support is very simple – send the money back to the states and give them the power to spend on health care as they see fit to meet the needs of their states. Instead of having a one-size-fits-all solution from Washington, we should return dollars back to the states to address each individual state’s health care needs.”
- “What works for health care in one state may not work in another. South Carolina is different than Louisiana. It’s one of the main reasons Obamacare has not lived up to the promises made by its creators. It was designed as a one-size fits all solution with Washington in total control.”
- “Obamacare has shown that coercing states and patients into a system that was not designed with their needs in mind does not work. Our proposal moves in the other direction by returning power to states and the people. It would empower states to craft solutions specific to the needs of their citizens.”
- “Each state would receive a set level of federal assistance based on the size of its eligible population, cost of care and other factors. If a state’s eligible population grew the amount it received would likewise increase. Congress would set the guidelines to ensure adequate coverage and requirements covering preexisting conditions would stay in place. But states would be free to craft their own system to best address the needs of patients in their states.”

OTHER QUOTES:

- The best way to repeal and replace Obamacare is to give each state the resources and responsibility for health care. Governors and other state leaders are more effective, more efficient and more accountable to the public.”

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker

Chairman, Republican Governors Association