



## BACKGROUND

### *Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Act*

#### Overview

- Reconciliation is perhaps the only legislative means by which a Republican majority can send a bill to President Obama that repeals major provisions of Obamacare and defunds Planned Parenthood.
- Reconciliation requires a simple majority to pass, rather than the usual 60 votes needed in the Senate.
- Reconciliation can be used once per congressional session and only certain types of budgetary provisions can be included.
- The bill would decrease the deficit by \$516 billion over the next 10 years.

#### Defunding Planned Parenthood

- The bill would strip all federal funding, including Medicaid, from providers of elective abortions for one year while Congress completes its investigation into Planned Parenthood's practices surrounding the selling of fetal tissue.
- This funding would be redirected from the approximately 700 Planned Parenthood facilities to more than 9,000 women's health care service providers that do not provide elective abortions.

#### Repealing Obamacare

- Repeals the 40 Percent Excise Tax on High Cost Health Plan, or the "Cadillac Tax"
- Repeals the Medical Device Tax
- Repeals the Prevention and Public Health Fund, or the "Obamacare Slush Fund"
- Repeals the Auto-Enrollment Mandate
- Eliminates penalties for noncompliance with the Individual and Employer Mandates
- Eliminates government subsidies for people to purchase plans bought through the exchanges
- Repeals expansion of Medicaid adopted by 30 states
- Repeals the over-the-counter medicine tax, prescription drug tax, an annual fee on health insurers, and tax on indoor tanning services

Please let us know if you require further information or have any questions we can assist you with on this issue or others.

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#### SOURCES:

<sup>1</sup> [Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Act of 2015](#)