On Aug. 30, Ohio Gov. John Kasich and a bipartisan group of 7 other governors released a letter to congressional leaders that outlines reforms Congress should consider to strengthen states’ health insurance markets.

They recommend actions in three areas:

- **Immediate federal action to stabilize markets**, including funding cost sharing reduction (CSR) payments, creating a temporary stability fund, actions to incentive carriers to offer plans in underserved counties and preserving the individual mandate “for now.”
- **Responsible reforms that preserve coverage gains and control costs**, including federal funding of outreach and enrollment efforts, fixing the “family glitch,” actions to promote appropriate enrollment and giving states more flexibility in choosing essential health benefits (EHB).
- **An active federal/state partnership**, which includes regulatory reforms, support of state Section 1332 innovation waivers and a commitment to value-based health care purchasing in order to control costs.

Read more about the reaction to the letter in Mattie Quinn’s August 31 article in Governing.