

Figure B: Timeline for Implementation of Selected Provisions of Federal Health Care Reform Legislation, 2011 and Beyond

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019–2020
Medicare beneficiaries will receive a free annual wellness visit.			Release of Medicare claims data to measure performance of providers and suppliers but that protects patient privacy.	Limits contributions to tax-free flexible spending accounts to \$2,500.			Prohibits any annual cap on benefits.		
50% discounts on brand name drugs for Medicare beneficiaries in “doughnut hole.”			Establish programs to demonstrate new payment approaches to increase quality and decrease costs.	Regulations issued for compacts to allow purchase of qualified health care plans across state lines.			Guaranteed issue of insurance in group and individual market.		
Provide a 10% bonus Medicare payment for primary care physicians for five years beginning in 2011.			Begin demonstration program for pediatric providers to organize as Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) and share savings generated.	Medicare tax increase of 0.9% for individuals with adjusted gross income over \$200,000 and couples over \$250,000. New Medicare tax on investment income for same persons.			Waiting periods for coverage limited to 90 days.		
Establish national voluntary insurance program through payroll deduction to purchase community living assistance services and supports (CLASS program).				Threshold to deduct medical expenses raised from 7% to 10%; delayed until 2017 for those 65 and over.			States establishes insurance exchanges for individuals and small businesses with 50–100 employees.		
State grants to test alternatives to civil tort lawsuits; \$50 million in funds; report due to Congress 2016.							Premium subsidies will be available for persons between 133% and 400% of poverty purchasing insurance through an exchange.		
							States will be required to expand Medicaid eligibility to all non-elderly adults and children with income below 133% of poverty.		
							Individual mandate: Individuals will be required to have insurance or pay a penalty. Penalty is greater of \$95 or 1% of taxable income in 2014 up to \$695 or 2.5% of taxable income, not to exceed national average bronze plan premium.		
							Insurers will pay an annual fee, according to market share. Yield \$8–14 billion per year, 2014 to 2019.		
Reduce Medicare payments to hospitals in top 25th percentile of rates of hospital-acquired infections.									

Source: HR 3590, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and HR 4872, Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.