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Cadillac and Other ACA Taxes Repealed

Shortly before Christmas, Congress passed (and President Trump signed) the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Act). In addition to avoiding a government shutdown, the Act repeals three Affordable Care Act (ACA) taxes and extends one ACA fee. The details are below:

Repeal of ACA Taxes

The Act repealed three ACA taxes:

1. **Cadillac Tax** - A 40% excise tax on high-cost employer health benefits.
2. **Health Insurance Provider (HIT) Fee** - A tax imposed on medical insurance carriers, but ultimately paid by consumers and health plans; and
3. **Medical Device Excise Tax** - A 2.3% tax on domestic sales of medical devices.

These changes are good news for employer group health plans.

Extension of PCORI Fee

Unfortunately, the Act also extended the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Fee through 2029. The ACA imposed the annual PCORI fee on self-funded group health plans from 2012-2019. In its first year, the PCORI fee was initially \$1.00 per covered life, but the fee rose to \$2.45 per covered life by 2019. The PCORI fee is now extended for another 10 years, which means employers sponsoring self-funded plans must continue to make a PCORI filing and payment. (**NOTE:** Employers with fully insured health plans do not file and pay PCORI unless the employer also maintains an HRA.)

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