Cadillac Tax EXPECTATIONS VS. REALITY

What's the Cadillac tax?



Starting in 2020, there will be a 40% tax on health insurance plans that cost more than \$10,800 for individuals and \$29,100 for families. 1



EXPECTATIONS



Initially was supposed to affect just 3% of plans.2



"an excise tax on . . . executives at Goldman Sachs" - Senior White House Advisor David Axelrod, 2009.5



Will affect **overly** generous, gold-plated plans.



Congressional Budget Office expects that the tax will raise \$91 billion over a decade.8



Who's affected?



What type of plans?



Revenue?



Will hit **47%** of plans by 2022.3 "Over time...virtually every employer will be subject the Cadillac tax." - Kaiser Family Foundation SVP Larry Levitt



The tax will hit a higher percentage of state/local government employers - like schools and police **departments** - than finance firms.6



In 26 states, the typical plan hit by the tax is equivalent to the mid-level "Silver" plans on the ACA's exchanges.7



3/4 of that \$91 billion comes from increased income taxes, on the expectation that employers will compensate for cutting benefits by raising wages.9

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DESTINATION: FEWER BENEFITS & HIGHER COSTS

EMPLOYERS PLAN TO RAISE COSTS AND REDUCE BENEFITS. ONE IN THREE EMPLOYERS HAS OPTED TO OFFER ONLY HIGH-DEDUCTIBLE PLANS — OR IS CONSIDERING DOING SO. 10





MAJOR EMPLOYERS ARE DROPPING COVERAGE FOR SPOUSES. 11



HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT
ARRANGEMENTS, HEALTH SAVINGS
ACCOUNTS AND FLEXIBLE
SPENDING ACCOUNTS — WHICH
REDUCE HEALTHCARE SPENDING —
"WILL LIKELY BE AMONG THE FIRST
BENEFITS CUT." 12

But even cutting benefits won't help many employers avoid the tax.

74% OF EMPLOYERS WILL BE HIT BY THE TAX BY 2022. 13



20% OF EMPLOYERS SAY THE CADILLAC TAX WILL BE THEIR SINGLE BIGGEST COST DRIVER. 14





¹²http://www.bna.com/employers-may-cut-b579820588



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