

Press Release



MEDIA ADVISORY: THE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE EFFECTS OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

WASHINGTON- The American Action Forum, Employment Policies Institute, and e21: Economic Policies for the 21st Century will host a discussion on the health insurance coverage impact of the Affordable Care Act on Thursday, September 15 from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the W Hotel in Washington, DC.

Employer reactions to the law, specifically the potential for a large decline in employer sponsored health insurance coverage, have been hotly debated among policymakers and scholars. Accurately predicting the potential coverage drop will dramatically impact the overall cost of the Affordable Care Act and the development of state insurance exchanges.

New research on the Affordable Care Act being presented by economists from Cornell and Indiana University finds that as a consequence of poorly-understood factors in the law, millions of employees could willingly switch from an employer plan to a government subsidized insurance exchange – even if their employer continues to offer coverage.

What: The Health Insurance Coverage Effects of the Affordable Care Act

When: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2011

Where: W Hotel – Altitude Ballroom

515 15th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20004

RSVP: To confirm attendance at this event email [\[email protected\]](#) with the name of the reporter and outlet.

Agenda:

9:30 a.m. Breakfast Served

10:00 a.m. **Welcome:** Jim Capretta, Project Director of e21's ObamaCareWatch.org

10:05 a.m. **Keynote:** Neera Tanden, Chief Operating Officer at the Center for American Progress

10:30 a.m. **Academic Presentation of New Research on Coverage Effects:** Richard V. Burkhauser, Professor at Cornell University; Kosali Simon, Professor at Indiana University*

11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion:

Moderator Sarah Kliff, Reporter, *The Washington Post*

Panelists:

- Paul Fronstin, Director at the Employee Benefit Research Institute
- Christine Eibner, Economist at the RAND Corporation
- Matthew Buettgens, Senior Research Methodologist at the Urban Institute
- Jim Capretta, Project Director of e21's ObamaCareWatch.org

11:40 a.m. Closing Remarks:

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, President of the American Action Forum

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