Policy Brief Shows 2017 Reconciliation Bill Will Leave Most ACA Employer Mandates in Place

Washington, D.C. – Today, the American Health Policy Institute (AHPI) releases an "Employers’ Guide to Reforming the Affordable Care Act Through Budget Reconciliation,” showing that under congressional budget rules, the vast majority of Affordable Care Act (ACA) mandates that concern employers cannot be addressed in a budget reconciliation bill. This includes the benefit mandates, IRS reporting requirements, and waiting period limitations.

The brief lists ACA employer mandates that would remain after reconciliation, highlighting how the recently leaked FY 2017 budget reconciliation bill and the FY 2017 House GOP “repeal and replace” plan would directly impact large employers.

AHPI CEO Tevi Troy said, “Mark Wilson’s useful policy brief shows the impact of the proposed reconciliation vehicle on employer-sponsored health insurance, which provides care for 177 million people nation-wide.”

To view the policy brief, please visit the following link: http://bit.ly/2IPhjnS

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