

Incongruence in ACA Provisions on PR Calls for Suspension of the Health Insurance Provider's Fee (HIT)

Puerto Rico is exempted from the ACA's exchange mandates and subsidies, but it's still being assessed for the ACA fee intended to fund them. Puerto Rico and the rest of the Territories plans are unfairly subsidizing the rest of the country.

Estimated Impact of the HIT to Puerto Rico Health Care

Year Impacted	Estimated Impact % of Premium	Estimated ACA "HIT" to be Paid by PR Healthcare
2014	1.50%	\$102,000,000
2015	2.12%	\$187,933,125
2016	2.12%	\$202,552,500
2017	2.61%	\$248,157,500
2018	2.68%	\$256,327,500
2019	2.71%	\$258,890,775
Total ACA Federal HIT to be paid by PR Healthcare		\$1,256,861,400

This suspension will allow for Congress and the Administration to coordinate on the review and establishment of a consistent public policy on which portions of the ACA equitably should apply to the territories without adversely affecting the citizens living in them.

The Federal Departments of Health & Human Services and Treasury possess the administrative authority to suspend the application of the HIT because:

- This administrative transitional relief was formally requested by the local government and the health sector in Puerto Rico:
 - Puerto Rico Governor Letter to CMS and US Treasury (Aug 26, 2014)
 - Puerto Rico Resident Commissioner Letter & Territory Delegates (Oct 8, 2014)
 - Puerto Rico Coalition Letter signed by 9 Associations (Dec 18, 2014)
 - Legal Memo re: Administration's Authority to Act upon request (Jan 13, 2015)
- Is needed to resolve the ACA inconsistency for Puerto Rico and rest of the territories.
- It would give more time to the healthcare segment to adjust to the impact, considering the current fragility of the Healthcare System of Puerto Rico.

Your support for these initiatives is crucial to Puerto Rico

What can you do?

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- **Talk about this issue**, and about the need to turn back these disproportionate cuts for beneficiaries that reside in the island.
- **Make your voice to be heard to support our parents, grandparents and friends with Medicare residing in Puerto Rico.**