How Changes to Cost-Sharing Reductions Could Affect You

The Cost-Sharing Reduction (CSR) program plays an essential role in making health care more affordable for lower- and middle-income people and families who buy their own insurance on an Exchange.

WHAT IS COST SHARING?

It is the share of costs not covered by your insurance, that you pay out of your own pocket. This term generally includes deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments, or similar charges.

DO YOU QUALIFY?

You could qualify for a cost-sharing reduction plan if your individual income is between

- $12,060 to $18,089
- $18,090 to $24,119
- $24,120 to $30,150

**Higher Reduction**

This means your deductible could be $3,250 lower and your copays could be lower too.

**Medium Reduction**

This means your deductible could be $2,800 lower and your copays could be lower too.

**Lower Reduction**

This means your deductible could be $500 lower and your copays could be lower too.
For Example

If you break your ankle and visit the ER, a typical CSR insurance plan will help pay the majority of your medical costs. Below we show how much you would have to pay vs. how much your insurance covers if the bill for your ER visit was $4,000.

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How Does the CSR Program Work?

In 2016, more than 6.4 million people were enrolled in a plan that offered reduced cost sharing.
Those who are eligible may enroll in a silver plan that covers more of their out-of-pocket costs — making it more affordable. Health plans commit to covering those costs, and the government makes payments to reimburse health plans. The Congressional Budget Office estimates for the next 3 years consumers will save:

- **2017:** $7 billion
- **2018:** $10 billion
- **2019:** $11 billion

**CONGRESS MUST ACT**

If Congress does not commit to CSR funding, millions of consumers will face higher costs and fewer options.

**WITHOUT CSRs PREMIUMS WILL RISE**

Insurance plans will need to increase premiums by an average of 19%.

**WITHOUT CSRs TAXPAYER SPENDING WILL RISE**

Costs to hardworking taxpayers will rise by billions of dollars to cover higher premiums. Federal subsidies for premiums will increase by almost 30% a year.

Notes: Qualifying Levels are based on 2016 income as a percent of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for a family of one. Benefit levels referenced are the benefits for Simple Choice plans sold on http://www.HealthCare.gov. Sources: Data sources are referenced in detail at http://www.ship.org/infographics-CSRs

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