

The Patient and State Stability Fund

Our plan provides a solution to help repair the insurance market damaged by Obamacare and provide more affordable coverage options to consumers: The Patient and State Stability Fund. This new and groundbreaking fund can help states lower the cost of care for some of their most vulnerable patients.

The \$138 billion fund will help repair state markets damaged by Obamacare. States can use the funds to cut out-of-pocket costs, like premiums and deductibles, or to promote access to preventive services, like getting an annual checkup, or dental and vision care. States could use these resources to promote participation in private health insurance or to increase the number of options available through the market. Even more, they have the option to arrange partnerships with health care providers to support their efforts to provide care.

With These Funds, States Could:



Within the fund, there is a dedicated \$15 billion for the creation of a federal invisible risk pool, another \$15 billion for mental health and substance abuse treatment and maternity and newborn care. Finally, there is \$8 billion dedicated solely to help lower premiums and other out-of-pocket costs for patients who reside in a state with an approved waiver and a risk mitigation program, have a pre-existing condition, are uninsured because they have not maintained continuous coverage, and purchase health care in the individual market.

Once states have had time to adjust to these new funds, a state match will be modestly phased in. Our plan encourages states to work with their insurance commissioner or a non-government, third-party group like the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) to build out robust, financially-responsible programs. If a state chooses not to use the funds for their own program, their allotment would be available to help stabilize markets.

We all want a market that works. We all want patients to have access to high-quality, affordably-priced health coverage. To achieve this shared goal, states need well-functioning and stable marketplaces that encourage and incentivize patients to get covered and stay covered.