



TO: Senate Health and Welfare Committee  
RE: Potential Dr Dynasaur 2.0 Insurance Rate Increases  
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For those in the Exchange as individuals: the ACA locks in premiums amounts as a percentage of income for those under 400%FPL (e.g., family of 4 earning under \$97,000/yr)

200-250%FPL	6.3-8.05%
251-300%FPL	8.05-9.5%

For those families with employer sponsored family or parent/child coverage, there is a rate decrease:

Gold family plan annual premium: \$18,264	Gold parent/child annual premium: \$12,540
Gold couples plan annual premium: \$12,996	Gold single premium: \$6,492
<b>Annual Premium Savings: \$5,286</b>	<b>Annual Premium Savings: \$6,048</b>

For employers, any potential increase to single/couples coverage+ tax package should be more than offset by the decrease from elimination of family coverage

Rate increases should only apply to:

1. childless individuals and couples in the exchange over 400%FPL without employer sponsored insurance (those earning over \$47,000/\$64,000/yr)
2. potentially childless individuals and couples who have employer sponsored insurance but we don't know how businesses will react to lower health care costs.
3. employers who only offer single or couples coverage to employees over 26 years old

Statistically 75-80% of the state is under 400%FPL so we are potentially talking about a rate increase for the top 20-25% of families

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