



NBGH Working for You in Washington

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The NBGH Policy Team is the Voice of Large Employers in Washington.

6 Key Initiatives in Recent Months:

ACA

Pushing to Eliminate the ACA Excise Tax

The drive to either repeal or delay the tax on employer plans continues. NBGH and other employer groups had frequent meetings with key House committee and member staff to reiterate the need for action well before the tax takes effect January 1, 2020.

Supporting Efforts to Enhance Health Savings Accounts

In addition to meetings with House staff, NBGH joined other employer groups in supporting legislation to [increase allowable HSA contribution amounts](#) and add more flexibility for coverage.

Rescinding Proposed Disability Claims and Appeals Rules

NBGH recommended that the Department of Labor [drop proposed new rules governing disability](#) claims and appeals because they will lead to confusion, higher costs and more litigation.



Advocating for More Prescription Drug Competition

NBGH attended a Federal Trade Commission workshop to foster policies to promote more competition in prescription drug markets, including the market for specialty pharmaceuticals. We also [submitted recommendations](#) to reduce excessive patent extensions and unnecessarily lengthy market exclusivity periods as well as other recommendations.



Streamlining Quality Measurement

NBGH represented employers at a meeting of the Measures Application Partnership of the National Quality Forum on streamlining quality measurement and reporting requirements for providers. The meeting lays the groundwork for making recommendations to CMS.

Supporting Payment and Delivery Reform

NBGH recently [responded to a request](#) from CMS for comments on the future of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. We urged CMS to continue the work that the Centers do in promoting and piloting promising payment and delivery reforms.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like more information.

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