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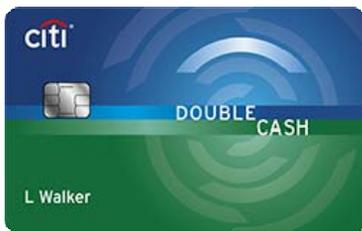
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at grocery stores, yes up to 6%, 3% back at U.S. gas stations & select U.S. dept. stores; and 1% back on other purchases, you could easily make enough in cash back rewards to pay for the annual fee and then some. It also comes with a sign up bonus that will help to off set that annual fee cost as well. This card is a must have for consumers who spend in categories such as gas and groceries because of the best in class reward rates. See more details

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Confessions of a Wall Street Insider

BY JOCELYNN SMITH December 14, 2016

If there's one thing you can rely on, it's that Wall Street will always save the best for itself.

The best investments.

The best strategies.

The best systems.

If you want access, be prepared to fork over hundreds of thousands — even millions — of dollars ... as some private equity groups and hedge funds require.

And then be prepared to pay exorbitant fees on top of that.

As corporate raider, author and fund manager Guy Wyser-Pratte put it: “The big money makers of Wall Street often mask their expertise in mystery. Frankly, I'd prefer the average investor didn't know [our strategies].”

One young financier even opened up recently and admitted: “We don't play by the same rules as everyone else.”

Famed investigator and Wall Street insider JL Yastine got a glaring example of this a decade ago.

Sitting in a meeting with one prestigious investor, JL was gifted a bizarre document — a stock market calendar that was *created in 1905*.

JL discovered that this simple calendar has accurately forecasted virtually EVERY catastrophic market crash ... including the 1929 depression, the tech wreck in 2000 and the 2008 crisis.

Plus, it predicted nearly every stock market boom as well.

And while few on Main Street have ever seen it or even heard of its existence, Wall Street has been using this calendar to profit for over a century.

As one brokerage president recently admitted: “No serious trader should have it far from his hands.”

But now, after a decade of secrecy, JL Yastine is coming forward to reveal this secret calendar to Main Street investors.

More importantly, JL teamed up with a rogue analyst to upgrade this secret Wall Street calendar.

This *new advanced calendar* (according to over 20,800 hours of historical data) could turn a stake of just \$10,000 into \$1.27 million ... *in just 15 minutes a month.*

JL says: “This project has utterly eclipsed everything I’ve come across during my three-decade career, making mincemeat of a buy-and-hold strategy.”

Part of the strategy, it seems, is to never lose money. Indeed, all the backtests show that this new advanced calendar would have made money, each and every year, for the last decade. (2008 and 2009 posted gains of 71% and 182%.)

In a new controversial video, JL reveals this new advanced calendar, and how anyone — from the first-time investor to veteran — can harness their breakthrough creation.

“I couldn’t stay silent,” JL says. “I had to make sure every investor has their hands on this calendar so that they *can* achieve their financial dreams, and do it without slaving away at their computers. If you can follow a simple calendar, you now have the very real ability to retire wealthy.”

The Government Refi Program Banks In Illinois Don't Want You To Know About

President Passed HARP To Provide A Boost To The Middle Class December 14, 2016

HARP Gives Homeowners a Once In A Lifetime Mortgage Bailout

A forgotten mortgage stimulus program that was passed by Obama to help the middle class has been uncovered. The program is called HARP, which stands for the Home Affordable Refinance Program. The program itself is totally free, and gives homeowners a once in a lifetime mortgage bailout. Like most government benefits this program will expire, but there is still time left for up to 700,000 qualified homeowners to take advantage. It's important that homeowners don't wait though as the program will expire this year. Calculate your new house payment and see if you qualify from our lenders »

HARP eliminates mortgage payments, reduces what homeowners owe, lowers interest rates

HARP is a program with no downside. HARP doesn't add any cost to your refi because it's a totally free government program, and it helps qualified homeowners get better, more affordable mortgages. Homeowners have used HARP to eliminate up to 15 years of mortgage payments, cut their interest rates in half, or even to just simply lower their monthly payments and save up to \$3,000 a year.

How To Get A HARP Loan

To help homeowners find banks that offer HARP refinances, services such as LowerMyBills are available. LowerMyBills is a completely free service that many homeowners love because it helps them easily compare multiple lenders at once. It only takes about three minutes to use their easy online form, and their trusted network of lenders can help you calculate your new house payment and see if you qualify for HARP.

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Why isn't everyone using this refi plan? Here's why...

Banks don't want homeowners to know about it because they hate what this program could do to them. HARP helps homeowners refinance at today's historically low rates and switch to 15 year fixed rate mortgages. That helps homeowners save up to \$190,000, which means homeowners who use HARP could take as much as \$190,000 out of banks pockets and put it back into theirs. Calculate your new house payment and see if you qualify from our lenders »

GOP unveils bill to block ObamaCare 'bailout'

BY PETER SULLIVAN - 11/18/16

A group of Republican lawmakers on Friday unveiled a bill to block the Obama administration from making certain payments to ObamaCare insurers that the GOP calls a "bailout."

The measure from four Republican senators would prevent the administration from using an obscure fund to pay legal settlements to insurers that have sued over a shortfall in payments under an ObamaCare program called risk corridors.

The lawmakers are worried that on its way out the door, the administration will seek to shore up the finances of ObamaCare insurers by paying them the legal settlements.

The issue has declined some in prominence since President-elect Donald Trump's victory, raising the prospect that ObamaCare could be repealed altogether. But the lawmakers say that even if the law is on the way out, they do not want payments made to insurers in the meantime.

"We are going to repeal and replace Obamacare but, in the meantime, the last thing Americans need is for the Obama Administration to sneak in one last bailout on its way out the door," Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.) said in a statement.

The other sponsors are Sens. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) and Mike Lee (R-Utah). Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-Va.) introduced a version in the House.

At issue is ObamaCare's risk corridor program, which seeks to shift money among insurers to protect them from heavy losses in the early years of the health law. Not enough money came into the program, leaving a hole in insurer finances and contributing to premium hikes and some insurers dropping out of the marketplace altogether. Some insurers then sued for the rest of the money.

The new bill would block the administration from being able to get them at least some money through legal settlements.

It remains unclear whether the administration will even try to settle before it leaves office.

There had been some talk of attaching language in this bill to the year-end spending measure, but it is unclear whether that will happen. Republicans are now planning a stop-gap bill into early next year, not a bill for the full year.

CMS survey of patients under MIPS not likely to shed light

By [Virgil Dickson](#) | November 18, 2016

The CMS next year will ask Medicare beneficiaries how their providers are doing under new payment models aimed at improving the quality of care while lowering cost.

But because the survey is voluntary and because the agency has allowed providers to ease into the new models, critics say the survey may not offer much insight.

The agency is asking to survey only the patients of providers participating in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System, the less risky of two options available under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act. Advanced alternative payment models such as accountable care organizations which share in savings or losses depending on whether they meet clinical quality targets and lower healthcare spending below a certain threshold.

Most providers are expected to participate in MIPS over APMs. The CMS anticipates beneficiaries from 461 practices will respond to the survey, which would equal approximately 187,990 providers. An average response of 287 beneficiaries per practice is expected, which adds up to approximately 132,307 beneficiaries potentially weighing about the first year of implementation.

Survey results will appear on the Physician Compare consumer website, something that confused critics of the survey.

“It's unclear how posting this information will help consumers make an informed choice on a doctor to pick with so few groups responding,” said Anders Gilberg, senior vice president of government affairs for the Medical Group Management Association, which represents 13,000 practices.

To draw participation, the CMS said it will provide bonus quality points to providers that volunteer their patients to be surveyed.

In January, providers participating in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System will begin reporting data on four performance measures; quality, resource use, use of electronic health records and clinical practice.

The survey will include questions currently being used to evaluate doctors under the Physician Quality Reporting System such as if patients were advised about ways to prevent illness or consulted with on specific health goals.

The survey request needs to be approved by the Office of Management and Budget. The CMS did not disclose how much it would spend on the survey.

The fact that the CMS is proposing to use the PQRS survey is also a source of concern for providers who say that survey is flawed.

“All that survey does is assess the patient's satisfaction, or experience of care,” said Dr. Gregory Fuller, a family medicine practitioner and chair of the Texas Medical Association's Council on Health Care Quality. “It doesn't have anything to do with quality of care.”

Still, “It's another opportunity for MIPS practices to get a read on their performance,” said David Introcaso, senior director for Regulatory and Public Policy at the American Medical Group Association. “It's hard to argue against them doing this.”



House GOP eyeing major Medicare overhaul in 2017

BY SARAH FERRIS - 11/17/16 10:44

The head of the House Budget Committee said Thursday that lawmakers are eyeing an overhaul of Medicare next year.

Budget Committee Chairman Tom Price (R-Ga.) said he expects lawmakers to push forward with an overhaul “within the first six to eight months” of President-elect Donald Trump's administration.

He said it would be tackled through the budget tactic in the Senate called “reconciliation,” which allows major spending-related bills to pass the upper chamber without a veto.

“I think that’s probably in the second phase of reconciliation, which would have to be in the fiscal year 2018 budget,” Price added.

It's the first time that a House GOP leader has said officials are planning to fast-track an overhaul of Medicare in 2017.

It's unclear how far House Republicans will go in making changes to Medicare — a process that will especially tricky through reconciliation.

House Republicans have released a range of proposals, from eliminating the ObamaCare cost-cutting panel called the Independent Payment Advisory Board to a major shift that would phase out the publicly run program into private plans.

Overhauling Medicare has been a major goal for Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) since 2011.

Fiscal conservatives have also been eager for reform of the nation’s entitlement programs, which comprise the bulk of the federal mandatory spending not controlled by Congress.

Electing To ‘Opt Out’ Of Obamacare

By Ana B. Ibarra November 17, 2016

Steven Lopez has gone without health insurance for 15 years, and the Affordable Care Act hasn't changed his mind. Once again this year he will forgo coverage, he said, even though it means another tax penalty.

Last tax season, the 51-year-old information technology professional and his family paid a mandatory penalty of nearly \$1,000, he said. That's because they found it preferable to the \$400 to \$500 monthly cost of an Obamacare health plan.

“I'm paying \$6,000 to have the privilege of then paying another \$5,000 [in deductibles],” said Lopez, who lives in Downey, a suburb of Los Angeles. “It's baloney — not worth it.”

While millions of people have gained coverage through the Affordable Care Act, an estimated 28 million Americans remain uninsured. And preliminary data shows that about 5.6 million paid a tax penalty rather than buy health insurance in 2015, according to The New York Times.

In California alone, 3.8 million people under 65 remain without health insurance.

Now, amid the uncertain future of Obamacare in a Trump administration, some resisters like Lopez are feeling vindicated and other consumers simply don't see the need to sign up. Still others, according to Affordable Care Act advocates, are eager to take advantage of what will likely be at least one more year of subsidized coverage.

Doreena Wong, a project director at the Los Angeles-based nonprofit Asian Americans Advancing Justice, said consumers have already begun to express doubts on whether they should bother enrolling. That is despite redoubled efforts in recent days by the state and federal exchanges to encourage signups.

“I do think the election result will impact our ability to enroll as many people as we'd like to,” she said. “Some people may ask: If it's going to be dismantled, why sign up?”

Weiyu Zhang, a health educator and enrollment counselor with Asian Americans Advancing Justice, has enrolled 10 people since the election.

“Every single one has brought up the election and has expressed concern about signing up,” Zhang said. People are asking whether subsidies might go away and whether premiums will rise or fall, Zhang said.

“Based on my knowledge, there’s only so much I can tell them,” Zhang said. “What we know is that changes will not happen immediately, and if they want coverage in 2017, they should sign up.”

Getting rid of the ACA in its entirety on day one of the Trump administration is practically impossible, said Erin Trish, an assistant research professor in public policy at the University of Southern California. Although Republicans to date have offered no official replacement plan, what’s expected is a different approach with a less regulated health insurance market, Trish said.

Even before the election, health policy experts believed the 2017 enrollment period, which ends Jan. 31, would be key to determining the future of Obamacare.

“Would people enroll? Would premiums stabilize after this year and increase at a normal pace? What would the risk pool look like?” were questions experts were already asking, Trish said. “But this election has definitely thrown things for a loop.”

She said the election’s effect on this year’s open enrollment period could go either way. Rather than opting out, many people might consider it important to get covered in case ACA replacement options hinge on whether people had coverage in place, Trish said.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, more than 100,000 people signed up for coverage the day after the election.

“Maybe people see this as one last opportunity, or perhaps they want to show their support for the ACA,” Trish said. “Who knows?”

Lopez said repeal is fine with him. Being penalized for not being insured is absurd, he said.

“We should not be forced to buy health insurance. The government should not be in the business of forcing us to buy anything,” he said.

Yet, even as a critic, Lopez does see some positive in the health law. He believes getting rid of the preexisting condition exclusion, for example, was a good thing.

So what happens if Lopez becomes ill? He must pay out of pocket.

Last year, he needed a colonoscopy. The best price he found was at a community clinic, where the procedure would cost him \$2,000.

Not satisfied with the price, he traveled south to Tijuana. There, \$2,000 covered a lot more: the colonoscopy, an electrocardiogram and hemorrhoid surgery, which he had been putting off because of cost.

If necessary, he'd do it again, he said.

For most Americans, cost continues to be the top barrier to health coverage. In 2015, 46 percent of uninsured adults of varying ages, ethnicities and income levels said they didn't have coverage because it was too expensive, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation survey. (Kaiser Health News is an editorially independent program of the Kaiser Family Foundation.)

Kathy Eller, 56, a janitor from Paducah, Ky., hasn't had insurance for more than a decade, and she plans to opt out this year as well, she said. Sometimes she worries about her health, but not enough to pay a \$250 monthly premium, which is what the most affordable Obamacare plan would cost her, she said.

"I smoke way too much and I'm overweight," Eller said. "I go to the doctor once every six months for my high blood pressure medication and only pay \$50 for it."

Before she lost her employer-based coverage 10 years ago, Eller underwent several surgeries for a skin infection caused by a bacteria known as MRSA.

If she were to get severely ill again, she wouldn't be able to pay for it, and she doesn't think she'd seek treatment.

"The way I see it, I'm 56, and my family doesn't live very long — into their 60s, maybe 70s," she said. "I wouldn't want to put that financial burden on my husband, he doesn't need that."

Last tax season, Eller was fined close to \$800 for not having health insurance. Eller said she is indifferent to the possible repeal of Obamacare. "It hasn't helped me much, but I know it's helped a lot of people," she said.

Shannon Drees, 26, a student from Orlando, Fla., hopes possible reversal of the Affordable Care Act could lower premiums for young, healthy people. She has not had health insurance since she was 21, when she was dropped from her parents' plan before the ACA provision allowing young adults to stay on those plans until age 26 took effect.

"I don't have outstanding health issues, it's much cheaper to pay a penalty," she said.

Last tax season, she was fined \$500. That's still less expensive than the estimated yearly cost in premiums for plans she looked into, she said.

Many of her friends, about the same age, are in the same boat. Unless they are covered by an employer, they are not insured, she said. She said she does not visit the doctor much and uses Planned Parenthood for birth control.

"For me, it's about the math," Drees said of getting health insurance. "Hopefully one day I'll be able to afford it again."

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