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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Oversight Subcommittee to Review Problems With Obama Health Care Program Including Newly Identified Unintended Consequences**

The Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives, will hold a hearing to review problems associated with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) health insurance subsidies. The Act created the subsidies to assist certain individuals to purchase health insurance, beginning in 2014. These subsidies limit the percentage of out-of-pocket income that qualifying households would pay for insurance purchased through health insurance exchanges and are exceedingly complex.

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), approximately 20 million Americans will receive health insurance subsidies in 2020 at a cost of \$130 billion. This Oversight Subcommittee hearing will examine the impact of these subsidies on employer-sponsored health insurance, marriage, work, and the federal budget deficit.

The hearing, entitled: **“Examining Obamacare’s Hidden Marriage Penalty and Its Impact on the Deficit,”** will include testimony from the following witnesses:

#### **WHO:**

- **Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives, Chairman Trey Gowdy, R-SC.**

#### **WHAT:**

- **Oversight Subcommittee Hearing, “Examining Obamacare’s Hidden Marriage Penalty and Its Impact on the Deficit”**

#### **WHEN:**

- **9:30 a.m. on Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.**

**WITNESSES:**

- **Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Ph.D., President, American Action Forum and Former Congressional Budget Office Director**
- **Ms. Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Senior Fellow, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research**
- **Richard Burkhauser, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, Cornell University**
- **Sara R. Collins, Ph.D., Vice President, Affordable Health Insurance, The Commonwealth Fund**

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