

Boosting the Benefits of Employer-Sponsored Health Coverage



Last week, the U.S. Chamber launched the [Protecting Americans' Coverage Together \(PACT\)](#) campaign to strengthen support for private health coverage, while raising awareness around the threats posed to it by a Medicare buy-in or public option.

PACT will promote the benefits of a strong employer-sponsored insurance (ESI) system and elevate meaningful reforms that reinforce those benefits, rather than resorting to highly disruptive changes that would undermine health care coverage for millions of Americans and their families.

Big picture: ESI provides affordable coverage for 180 million families and retirees. Going down the road of a public option or Medicare buy-in would erode the ESI system and destabilize coverage across major insurance markets for millions of individuals.

Our take: “A Medicare buy-in or public option is bad for business. It would inject uncertainty and pose direct threats to the nation’s health care system,” said U.S. Chamber President Suzanne Clark at the [online event](#) launching PACT. “By shifting employees into Medicare, a targeted program for the elderly, or forcing them into an untested public health care option, millions of American workers and their families would lose the comprehensive coverage and quality care they depend on for their health.”

Dig deeper:

- This [report](#) highlights the negative economic effects of a Medicare buy-in or public option.
- Watch the event [here](#).
- Learn more about PACT [here](#).