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No ACA Repeal and Replace. Now What?

The Senate Republican leadership determined on Tuesday that they did not have enough support to bring a vote to the Senate on the Graham-Cassidy bill. This bill was to repeal and replace part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and was the Senate's final attempt under the fiscal year 2017 rules.

Since Republicans did not have enough votes to pass a bill without Democratic support, it is possible that there will now be bipartisan efforts to stabilize the individual health insurance market. Then in the 2018 fiscal year the Republican leadership could start the process of reconciliation over again.

Yes, the ACA remains the law so compliance is required unless contrary official guidance is issued. However, there may be additional federal regulations pertaining to various ACA provisions such as Cadillac Tax, Nondiscrimination requirements and Employer mandate rules and reporting.

As always, we will continue to keep you updated.

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