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Benefits of the Affordable Health Care for America Act Information on Data Sources

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The majority staff of the Energy and Commerce Committee has produced a series of fact sheets analyzing how the Affordable Health Care for America Act will affect each congressional district in the United States. The following data sources were used in the preparation of the fact sheets.

Data on the number and percentage of individuals in each district with employer-provided health coverage and the percentage of individuals that are uninsured: U.S. Census, *2008 American Community Survey*.

Data on the number and percentage of individuals in each district who have an income of less than 400% of poverty, qualifying them for affordability credits: U.S. Census, *2008 American Community Survey*.

Data on Medicare and Medicare Part D enrollment: CMS, *Enrollment in Prescription Drug Plans by Congressional District* (Feb. 2009).

Data on the number of seniors who enter the donut hole: Estimated from the Kaiser Family Foundation, *The Medicare Part D Coverage Gap: Costs and Consequences in 2007* (Aug. 2008).

Data on the number of small businesses that would qualify to join the exchange or qualify for tax credits to help pay for providing coverage: Estimated from the U.S. Census, *2006 County Business Patterns*.

Data on the number of uninsured individuals with pre-existing conditions: Estimated from the 2006 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (data on the percentage of uninsured individuals with chronic conditions) and the U.S. Census, *2008 American Community Survey* (data on the percentage of uninsured by congressional district).

Data on the number of medical bankruptcies annually in each congressional district: Estimated from the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts PACER Database, *Business and Non-business Bankruptcy* (Apr. 1, 2008 to Mar. 31, 2009); D.U. Himmelstein, D. Thorne, and S. Woolhandler, *Illness and Injury as Contributors to Bankruptcy*, Health Affairs (Feb. 2, 2005).

Data on the cost of uncompensated care: the Kaiser Family Foundation, *The Cost of Care for the Uninsured: What Do We Spend, Who Pays, and What Would Full Coverage Add to Medical Spending?* (2004) (total uncompensated care).

Data on the impacts of the surtax: Estimates from the House Ways and Means Committee (Oct. 2009).