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## **12 Facts About the Graham-Cassidy ‘Repeal’ Bill**

### *Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom: There’s Just One Problem With This Affordable Care Act Repeal—It’s Not Repeal*

**ST. PAUL, Minn.**—The U.S. Senate plans to hold a vote this week on the Graham-Cassidy bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act. There’s just one problem, says *Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom (CCHF)*, [www.cchffreedom.org](http://www.cchffreedom.org).

It does not repeal the Affordable Care Act.

*“The much-touted Graham-Cassidy bill does not repeal Obamacare coverage,” said CCHF president and co-founder Twila Brase. “It doesn’t repeal the Obamacare exchanges. It doesn’t repeal the individual mandate, the employer mandate or the penalties. It only reduces the penalties to zero—but the mandates and penalties stay in law. Another Congress can simply raise the penalties even higher than they are today.*

*“The bill also doesn’t repeal the costly government requirements for insurance companies,” Brase added. “It doesn’t repeal federal control. It keeps most of the taxes and 90 percent of the spending the Democrats and President Barack Obama put in place. This is not a repeal. This is the Republicanized Affordable Care Act.”*

Brase recently shared 12 facts the public may or may not know about the Graham-Cassidy bill, authored by Sen. Lindsey Graham (R.-S.C.) and Sen. Bill Cassidy (R.-La.), in a *CCHF* [Action Alert](#):

1. It does NOT repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
2. It does NOT repeal the individual and employer mandates; it only zeroes out the penalty dollars.
3. Maintains dependence on ACA’s federal and state exchanges.
4. The federal government is still in charge, unless states reassert their 10th Amendment authority.
5. ACA insurance regulations remain nationalized and under federal control.
6. Sets up three state-based funds using federal dollars collected under the ACA.
7. Unelected federal bureaucrats determine funding formulas.
8. Unless prohibited, federal funds could “turbocharge” single-payer in states.
9. Only the smallest of the ACA’s 19 taxes are repealed.
10. ACA “qualified health plans” would be prohibited from offering abortion other than in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother.
11. Allows all individuals to buy Obamacare catastrophic plans beginning January 1, 2019.
12. The September 30 “deadline” for repeal is “fake news,” says Chris Jacobs of the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

***“Chris Jacobs of the Texas Public Policy Foundation expertly pointed out some of the untruths of the Graham-Cassidy bill,” Brase said. “Too many people in the media and elsewhere are being far too loose with the word ‘repeal,’ regarding both the bill itself and its provisions.”***

***CCHF*** is urging Americans who want real repeal to tell Congress they know the Graham-Cassidy bill is not a repeal, and that the redistribution of wages and premium dollars will continue under the ACA if it passes. Those interested can call the Capitol Hill Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

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