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The Devil is in the Details of Rand Paul's Plan

I’ve been looking at Senator Rand Paul’s plan to repeal and replace Obamacare. As with anything, the devil is in the details. First I checked out the four-page summary, which showed a lot of promise. Then I actually looked at the 149-page bill. Let me just say that while I don’t really like the idea of replacing one federal plan with another federal plan, Senator Paul’s plan is a far better plan than Obamacare. But it’s still a federal plan.

That said, his plan repeals huge swaths of Obamacare and become particularly interesting when he gets to changes in health savings accounts. No matter what happens, his plans for HSAs should move forward. More details tomorrow.

“The Obamacare Replacement Act (S. 222),” Senator Rand Paul, M.D., United States Senate, January 24, 2017. (four-page summary)

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