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Charity, State Lines and Senator Paul

In this final day discussing the only bill seriously aimed at repealing Obamacare, I’ll focus on Senator Paul’s plans for care and coverage. First, his bill offers a two-year open-enrollment period for people with pre-existing conditions. Second, he allows doctors to get a tax deduction for charity care up to 10 percent of their income. I’ve long suggested this as a better more efficient way to address the needs of the uninsured.

He also allows companies to offer health insurance across state lines. Fourth, he creates two pooling options for coverage, one for individuals and one for small businesses. Finally, he allows states to have more flexibility in designing their Medicaid programs. That’s it! Have a great weekend!

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