



Higher Insurer Costs Probably Equal Higher Premiums

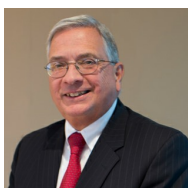
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One of the building blocks of the Affordable Care Act is the existence of state level insurance exchanges. Yesterday the Ohio Department of Insurance released an analysis of the costs (not the premiums) for insurance companies which may participate by offering policies under the Ohio Exchange.

The projected costs for 14 insurers ranged from \$283-\$577 for individual health plans. It is expected that the premiums will be correspondingly high as well.

The Ohio Exchange as well as the exchanges in the other states is required to be operational by October 1, 2013 so that individuals may begin enrolling.

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