

Excise Tax on High Cost Employer – Sponsored Health Coverage

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Yvette Fontenot is a Partner at Avenue Solutions – a health care policy, legislative strategy, and communications consulting firm. She develops and implements targeted and comprehensive policy on behalf of health care clients including employers, insurers, and providers. She also develops and pursues advocacy and communications strategies to increase the chances of favorable legislative consideration within the Congress, administrative action in the Executive Branch, and favorable reception toward particular policies.

Prior to joining Avenue Solutions, Yvette was the Deputy Director of the Office of Health Reform at the Department of Health and Human Services. The office is charged with developing policy, coordinating and clearing all matters related to the Affordable Care Act, and providing outreach to Congress and other stakeholders with interests in health care reform.

Previously, Yvette was a Senior Advisor in the White House Office of Health Reform. At the White House, she was responsible for coordinating the Administration's work on implementation of the Affordable Care Act. She also briefed and advised senior White House officials about aspects of the legislation and implementation efforts.

Yvette also served as Professional Staff with the Senate Finance Committee where she was primarily responsible for provisions of the Affordable Care Act such as individual and employer responsibility requirements, tax credits for the purchase of health coverage, health insurance exchanges, health insurance rating reform, and consumer protection proposals. She also advised Chairman Baucus and Committee members on health insurance reform legislation before the Committee and Congress.

Yvette also has past experience developing, analyzing, and estimating the budgetary and programmatic impacts of and pursued legislation affecting Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program with a focus on physician, prescription drug and hospital reimbursement.

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