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Mixed Reaction from Employers on the Impact of Healthcare Reform

According to a recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, it remains unclear just how much of an impact the healthcare reform law will have on employer-sponsored health coverage. The report found that among employer surveys conducted between January 2009 and March 2012 by 19 major industry firms, the vast majority (16) estimated that some employers would drop coverage for all employee types.

However, the percentage of employers that indicated they would drop coverage in the near term ranged from 2% to 20%. Three studies predicted that between 1% and 28% of employers would begin to offer coverage as a result of the law. GAO also reported that the law might have the most significant impact on small employers. Nine surveys determined that employers are considering significant changes to benefit designs, which could result in greater cost-sharing among employees.

You can view the GAO report [here](#).

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