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Stopgap Funding Bill Contains Surprises

The stopgap funding bill passed by Congress and signed by President Trump yesterday keeps the government open for another three weeks. It also funds the Children's Health Insurance Program ("CHIP") for the next six years.

At the same time, the bill also contains three key Affordable Care Act revisions, as follows –

1. The "Cadillac Tax" is delayed another two years, and is now effective in 2022 (rather than 2020 as under prior law).
2. The medical device tax, which was effective as of January 1, 2018, is now delayed until January 1, 2020.
3. The health insurer fee is delayed through the end of 2019.