

## HEALTH CARE SURCHARGE WOULD NOT AFFECT 99.7% OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS

The revised health care surcharge would only apply to married couples with adjusted gross income of \$1,000,000 (\$500,000 in the case of single individuals).

- The nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) has estimated that the revised health care surcharge would only apply to the top 0.3% of all households in the United States.
- The revised health care surcharge would have no effect on 99.7% of all households in the United States.
  - This 0.3% of households receives 15.9% of all the income earned in the United States. *Source: JCT.*
  - The average annual income of this 0.3% of households is more than \$2.8 million. *Source: JCT*.
  - This 0.3% of households pays only 1.6% of their annual income in payroll taxes. The average middle-class family pays 9.4% of their annual income in payroll taxes. *Source: Congressional Budget Office*.

## 0.3% OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS AFFECTED BY HEALTH CARE SURCHARGE



Data Source: Joint Committee on Taxation.

The revised health care surcharge would exclude 75% of the households that would have been affected by the health care surcharge that originally passed the Committee on Ways and Means. That version of the health care surcharge affected only 1.2% of all households. *Source*: JCT.

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