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### **Attorney General Frosh, Coalition of Attorneys General Seek Emergency Injunction over Health Care Subsidies**

**BALTIMORE, MD (October 18, 2017)** – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh and a coalition of 18 other attorneys general filed a motion to compel the federal government to follow the law and pay the subsidies on which millions of Americans rely to make their health care coverage more affordable.

Last week, the Trump Administration abruptly refused to make the October cost-sharing reduction payments required under the Affordable Care Act. These monthly payments enable insurance carriers to reduce co-payments, deductibles, and other out-of-pocket costs for low-income Americans.

“President Trump’s decision to end cost sharing reduction payments is destructive and illegal,” said Attorney General Frosh. “We’re asking the Court to require him to resume the payments immediately, before his reckless action puts at risk the health of thousands of Marylanders and millions more people across the country, simply to fulfill a campaign promise.”

In Maryland, 400,000 people rely on the Affordable Care Act for health care coverage. According to the Congressional Budget Office, ending these payments would cost the federal government nearly \$200 billion more over the next decade, and increase the cost of health insurance for the average family by 20%.

The Affordable Care Act’s mandatory cost-sharing subsidy payments help working families and individuals with incomes between \$11,880 and \$29,700 access more affordable healthcare coverage by lowering deductibles, copayments or coinsurance to reduce out-of-pocket costs. Today’s filing follows [a lawsuit filed last week by the coalition of 19 Attorneys General](#).