

Preliminary Estimate of Proposal to Transfer Funds to the UMWA 1993 Benefit Plan in FY2017 for Health Benefits for Certain Individuals Incurred from January 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017 Based on Draft Language GAI16409

| | (by fiscal year, in millions of dollars) | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2017-2021 | 2017-2026 |
| Direct Spending | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payments for Retiree Health Benefits | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Budget Authority | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 49 |
| Outlays | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 49 |
| Effect on Federal Health Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Budget Authority | -4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -4 | -4 |
| Outlays | -4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -4 | -4 |
| Total Direct Spending | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Budget Authority | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 45 |
| Outlays | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 45 |
| Revenues | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VEBA Transfers | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 47 |
| Effect on Federal Health Programs | * | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | * | * |
| Total Estimated Revenues | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 47 |
| Net Effect on the Deficit from Direct Spending and Revenues | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | -2 |

Source: Congressional Budget Office and the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation.

Notes: UMWA = United Mine Workers of America; VEBA = Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association.
 * = less than \$500,000.
 Amounts may not sum to totals because of rounding.
 This estimate assumes enactment by December 31, 2016.
 For revenues, positive numbers indicate a decrease in the deficit.

1 beneficiary association established as a result
2 of a bankruptcy proceeding described in
3 clause (ii)(II).

4 “(v) VEBA TRANSFER.—The admin-
5 istrator of such voluntary employees’ bene-
6 ficiary association shall transfer to the
7 Plan any amounts received as a result of
8 such bankruptcy proceeding, reduced by an
9 amount for administrative costs of such as-
10 sociation.”.

11 (c) PRESERVATION OF PAYMENTS TO STATES AND
12 INDIAN TRIBES.—Subparagraph (B) of section 402(i)(3)
13 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of
14 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1232(i)(3)) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “so that” and inserting “under
16 paragraph (1) so that”;

17 (2) by striking “each transfer” in clause (i) and
18 inserting “each such transfer”; and

19 (3) by striking “this subsection” in clause (iii)
20 and inserting “paragraph (1)”.

1 employer in the bituminous coal
2 industry under a coal wage
3 agreement (as defined in section
4 9701(b)(1) of the Internal Rev-
5 enue Code of 1986), would be de-
6 nied or reduced as a result of a
7 bankruptcy proceeding com-
8 menced in 2012 or 2015,

9 were taken into account, and for any
10 other period during such fiscal year,
11 only the beneficiaries described in
12 subclause (I) were taken into account.

13 “(iii) ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN RETIR-
14 EES.—Individuals referred to in clause
15 (ii)(II)(bb) shall be treated as eligible to
16 receive health benefits under the Plan for
17 the plan year that includes January 1,
18 2017.

19 “(iv) REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANS-
20 FER.—The amount of the transfer other-
21 wise determined under this subparagraph
22 for fiscal year 2017 shall be reduced by
23 any amount transferred for the fiscal year
24 to the Plan, to pay benefits required under
25 the Plan, from a voluntary employees’ ben-

1 2006, who are eligible to receive
2 health benefits under the Plan on the
3 first day of the calendar year for
4 which the transfer is made; and

5 “(II) for purposes of the transfer
6 made for fiscal year 2017, as if, for
7 the period beginning January 1, 2017,
8 and ending April 30, 2017, only—

9 “(aa) those beneficiaries ac-
10 tually enrolled in the Plan as of
11 the date of the enactment of the
12 Miners Protection Act of 2016
13 who are eligible to receive health
14 benefits under the Plan on Janu-
15 ary 1, 2017, other than those
16 beneficiaries enrolled in the Plan
17 under the terms of a participa-
18 tion agreement with the current
19 or former employer of such bene-
20 ficiaries; and

21 “(bb) those beneficiaries
22 whose health benefits, defined as
23 those benefits payable directly
24 following death or retirement or
25 upon a finding of disability by an

1 **SEC. _____. MINERS HEALTH BENEFITS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—This section may be cited as the
3 “Miners Protection Act of 2016”.

4 (b) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN RETIREES IN THE MUL-
5 TIEMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN.—Section
6 402(h)(2)(C) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclama-
7 tion Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1232(h)(2)(C)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “A transfer” and inserting the
9 following:

10 “(i) TRANSFER TO THE PLAN.—A
11 transfer”;

12 (2) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as sub-
13 clauses (I) and (II), respectively, and moving such
14 subclauses 2 ems to the right; and

15 (3) by striking the matter following such sub-
16 clause (II) (as so redesignated) and inserting the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(ii) CALCULATION OF EXCESS.—The
19 excess determined under clause (i) shall be
20 calculated—

21 “(I) except as provided in sub-
22 clause (II), by taking into account
23 only those beneficiaries actually en-
24 rolled in the Plan as of December 31,

