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The cost to provide health care varies drastically, not only between states, but within different regions as well. For instance, the cost index for health care in Birmingham, AL is 85.5. That same index for Anchorage, AK is 138.7, 140.5 for Kodiak, AK, 149.7 for Fairbanks, AK and 150.4 for Juneau, AK (<http://laborstats.alaska.gov/col/col.pdf>). Accordingly, it appears that all Alaskans will be assessed a 40% excise tax on the excess cost of a health plan above a dollar threshold that will uniformly apply to all states as required by the Affordable Care Act. Please consider the establishment of a geographical differential equation for these thresholds.



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