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Some employers face a July 31 deadline to pay a new fee required under the Affordable Care Act. The fee must be paid by employers who sponsor self-insured health plans, including health reimbursement arrangements and flexible spending arrangements. The new requirement may take some employers by surprise -- and, of course, there are penalties for failing to comply. This article explains what the federal government will use the money for and which employers must pay it. Copyright © 2013

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**Good employees are hard to find**, and expensive to lose. When one goes out on disability, you can help ensure a successful "homecoming" by tailoring the return-to-work plan to his or her post-injury abilities. But don't make the mistake of assigning meaningless tasks. Continue reading to get a list of guidelines that will make the return an easy transition, and at the same time, hold down your Workers' Comp costs. Copyright © 2013

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