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Michael Ackermann, vice president of neurostimulation at the pharmaceutical giant Allergan, offers thoughts on how healthcare policy will be affected by the election of Donald Trump as America's commander in chief. On the day after Trump was elected president, Ackermann discussed how much is unknown about the new administration and its agenda, how another system for encouraging Americans to get insured may replace the Affordable Care Act if it is dismantled, and how soaring healthcare costs will remain a major issue.



## Transcript

- I think there's a lot of uncertainty around what the agenda will be.. I think there's uncertainty, not only in terms of communication, but I think that, frankly, there's uncertainty within the administration as to what the position is gonna be.. There has been talk of either completely dismantling or meaningfully changing the Affordable Care Act.. That certainly will impact healthcare.. I think there's also been talk from the Trump campaign about maintaining some sort of system that promotes high insurance percentages within the country as well.. What I do think is that fundamentally, I think the same problems are gonna be the same problems.. The same things that are driving all this tremendous change, we're kind of tapping out at this 17 to 18% of GDP.. Even if it goes to 19 or something, it's still an issue.. Whether or not we're dealing with 95% insured population or an 85% insured population.. Seems to be the same sorts of things..

But it may have some impact on how acute it is or is not...