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Congress Passes "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act"

Despite concerted efforts by the Disability community, Congress passed and enacted the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" in late December. As noted in previous *Washington Insider* articles, there were provisions included in several iterations of the proposed legislation that would have negatively affect people with disabilities and their families, such as the elimination of the medical expenses deduction and deductions to help people with disabilities obtain employment. Luckily, most of these provisions were taken out of the legislation during