Deadline? What Deadline?

CCHF: Phony October 1 Obamacare Deadline Opens Americans to Fraud in Unsecured Exchanges

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Americans have been frightened into thinking they have just a few weeks to make decisions about coverage before they have to begin enrolling in Obamacare exchanges to avoid the individual mandate’s tax-penalty. But the truth is that the October 1 deadline is a scam and a scare tactic to drive citizens into the flawed and intrusive government exchanges.

Twila Brase, patient advocate and co-founder of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom, is calling for Americans to ignore the phony October 1 “deadline,” and warning them that their personal data is at risk for abuse, fraud and identity theft.

“The government has fooled Americans into thinking that October 1 is a deadline where citizens need to begin signing up for coverage in the state health exchanges, which are riddled with problems,” Brase said. “But the truth is, there is a six-month open enrollment period that begins on October 1. There is nothing that anyone needs to do on that date and no one has to sign up for anything and there are no penalties for ignoring October 1. It is Obamacare’s imaginary deadline.”

Because penalties for failure to have coverage in any given month begin January 1, 2014, Brase encourages Americans to make time now to study the alternatives to enrolling in the unsecured and fraud-prone government exchanges:

- Secure private insurance outside of the government exchanges, such as a private insurance policy, employer-sponsored coverage or private insurance exchange policy.
- Prepare to pay the ACA penalty tax in 2015 for being without coverage in 2014 (the greater of $95 or 1 percent of household income)—much less expensive and less risky than the high premiums and privacy intrusions of the government exchanges.
- Claim one of nine Obamacare exemptions, including being a member of a health-sharing organization. (Read more about exemptions at cchfreedom.org.

Brase says there are many reasons to turn away from the ACA’s government exchanges, but the most recent are revelations regarding the data security deadlines the Obama Administration has missed and the fact that the government has failed to provide the federal Inspector General with proof that the
exchanges’ data system is secure. Testimony by experts reveals deep concerns about the comprehensive data system inviting scams on a national scale.

“The threat of fraud and identity theft is huge. Already there have been more than 1,100 complaints of scams related to the exchange and it’s not even up and running. Citizens need to know that no one ever has to enroll in an exchange or be insured,” says Brase. “It’s our constitutional right to refuse to enroll.”

Brase has written a list of the Top Ten Terribles of Obamacare, which include higher costs, privacy intrusions, more red tape, and poor care and coverage, and also lists the top four reasons not to enroll in state exchanges:

- **No Private Insurance**: Obamacare is “Medicaid for the middle class.”
- **No Privacy**: Patient data enters a federal database that is accessible by the IRS.
- **Limited Choice**: Health care coverage utilizes “narrow network” policies.
- **High Cost Premiums**: Income redistribution is used to pay for exchange operations and subsidizes high-cost individuals.

Twila Brase shares health care-related news with the American public in her daily, 60-second radio feature, *Health Freedom Minute*. *Health Freedom Minute* airs on the entire American Family Radio Network, with more than 150 stations nationwide, in addition to Bott Radio Network with over 80 stations nationwide. During the daily features, listeners can learn more about the agenda behind proposed health care initiatives and policies and what they can do to protect their health care choices, rights and privacy.

Brase, a public health nurse and health care freedom advocate, informs listeners of crucial health issues, such as the intrusive wellness and prevention initiatives in Obamacare, patient privacy and the need for informed consent requirements, the dangers of “evidence-based medicine” and the implications of state and federal health care reform.

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Twila Brase, a public health nurse and health freedom advocate, has been called one of the “100 Most Powerful People in Health Care” and one of “Minnesota’s 100 Most Influential Health Care Leaders.” She has been interviewed by CNN, Fox News, Minnesota Public Radio, NBC Nightly News, NBC’s Today Show, NPR, New York Public Radio, the Associated Press, Modern Healthcare, TIME, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and The Washington Times, among others. Brase shares health care-related news and commentary with the American public in her daily, 60-second radio feature, *Health Freedom Minute*, which airs on nearly 350 stations daily, including the 150-station American Family Radio Network and the 80-station Bott Radio Network. During these daily features, listeners can learn more about the agenda behind proposed health care initiatives, the ramifications of proposed policies and actions that can be taken to protect their health care choices, rights and privacy. *Health Freedom Minute* is sponsored by the Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom, a patient-centered national health freedom organization based in St. Paul, Minn. CCHF supports patient and doctor freedom, medical innovation and the right of citizens to a confidential patient-doctor relationship.

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