The People Have Spoken: Now Is the Time to Repeal Obamacare and Choose Not to Enroll

Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom: 2014 Proved Why Uninsured Shouldn’t Sign Up During Enrollment Period that Begins Saturday

ST. PAUL, Minn.—This weekend, on November 15, open enrollment begins for the Affordable Care Act, but if this past year of Obamacare failures and last week’s elections are any indication, Obamacare could be a thing of the past—if lawmakers do what’s best for America and the uninsured refuse to enroll.

From technological enrollment disasters to privacy concerns, Obamacare didn’t gain many new fans in 2014. In fact, the government health care plan alienated more than it won over.

And voters spoke loud and clear at the polls, rejecting liberal policies and voting out of office some who pushed Obamacare in the first place. In fact, according to CNSNews.com, 100 percent of Republican Senators elected last Tuesday campaigned on a platform of repealing Obamacare.

Twila Brase, president and co-founder of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom (CCHF, www.cchfreedom.org), a Minnesota-based national organization dedicated to preserving patient-centered health care and protecting patient and privacy rights, said it’s time for lawmakers to act on their promises and repeal Obamacare.

“As an Obamacare repeal bill should be the first bill introduced in both the House and Senate,” Brase said. “President Obama has said that his policies were on the ballot this November, and Americans answered by saying, ‘If these are your policies, we don’t want your candidates.’ Therefore, now is the time to repeal the dangerous and damaging Affordable Care Act.

“As more and more liberal lawmakers lost their races, they began a ‘time to work together’ chorus, she continued. “But ‘togetherness’ was never deemed a valuable asset when liberals were in charge. Indeed, Senator Harry Reid made sure Democrats didn’t have to work with Republicans when it came to judicial appointments. Senate filibuster rules were changed so President Obama could pack the D.C. Court of Appeals, which is now considering a lawsuit that could sink Obamacare.
“If Senator Reid really wants to ‘get things done for the middle class,’ he will vote to repeal Obamacare, the nation’s largest-ever tax on the American people. The mandate to purchase expensive government-embellished coverage has taken a huge chunk of change from middle-class pockets and handed it over to managed care health plans.”

Even though the second open enrollment period for the broken and battered Obamacare begins Saturday, for those who are currently uninsured or want to change their plan, Brase gives the following seven reasons not to enroll:

1. Higher premiums
2. Limited choice of providers
3. Limited choice of coverage
4. Privacy intrusions
5. No private insurance
6. IRS subsidy repayments, or “clawbacks”
7. States and insurance companies are dumping Obamacare

Brase says there are three legal ways to avoid signing up for government-run health care coverage altogether, which puts Americans’ private medical data at risk, compromises care, ties the hands of medical professionals and takes more money out of Americans’ pockets.

1. **Buy** private insurance outside of the government exchanges, such as a private policy, employer-sponsored coverage or a private insurance exchange.
2. **Pay** the penalty tax in 2016 for being without coverage in 2015. In 2015, the penalty tax increases to 2 percent of net income or $325, whichever is greater—still less expensive and less risky than high government premiums.
3. **Claim** one of the 9 **Obamacare exemptions**, or one of the 14 **hardship waivers**.

Celebrating its 20th year, Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom is a patient-centered national health freedom organization based in St. Paul, Minn. CCHF exists to protect health care choices and patient privacy. CCHF sponsors the daily, 60-second radio feature, Health Freedom Minute, which airs on more than 150 stations nationwide on the American Family Radio Network and 90-plus stations on the Bott Radio Network. Listeners can learn more about the agenda behind proposed health care initiatives and steps they can take to protect their health care choices, rights and privacy.

CCHF president and co-founder Twila Brase, R.N., has been called one of the “100 Most Powerful People in Health Care” and one of “Minnesota’s 100 Most Influential Health Care Leaders.” Brase, a public health nurse, 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. She is at the forefront of informing the public of crucial health issues, such as intrusive wellness and prevention initiatives in Obamacare, patient privacy, informed consent, the dangers of “evidence-based medicine” and the implications of state and federal health care reform.

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