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Dec. 23: Another False Obamacare Deadline

CCHF: Obama Administration Sets Another Phony Obamacare Deadline, Causing Americans to Scramble for Coverage

ST. PAUL, Minn.—As shoppers race around to retailers crossing gifts off their Christmas lists, Obamacare is trying to impose another false deadline to rush Americans into signing up for health care coverage before Christmas.

Americans have been sent the message that they must enroll for health care coverage by two weeks from today, or be hit with penalties. According to Twila Brase, patient advocate and co-founder of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom, December 23 is yet another false Obamacare deadline, meant to scare citizens into rushing for coverage. The actual deadline for coverage to avoid penalties is March 31, 2014.

“The truth is that there are no penalties under Obamacare as long as an individual is without coverage for fewer than three months in 2014,” Brase said. “That means that March 31 is the real deadline and the only way that a penalty will be charged.”

An article on CNNMoney.com cleared up the very confusing Obamacare deadlines. A March 2014 deadline resolves some conflicting dates. According to CNN, “Coverage through the health exchanges begins Jan. 1, but customers don’t have to enroll in a plan that quickly. The Affordable Care Act allows individuals to go without coverage for up to three months at a time.”

The later deadline is also perhaps a way to placate Americans who have had trouble signing up for coverage through the problem-plagued HealthCare.gov web site.

Those who do not choose coverage will pay a penalty known as the “shared responsibility payment.” CNN continues, “Someone who is required to but does not have health coverage in 2014 would pay it in their taxes due April 15, 2015. It is $95 or 1% of income, whichever is greater, and increases quickly—to at least $325 for 2015 and $695 for 2016.”

Brase says there are perfectly legal ways to avoid signing up for health care coverage on the fraud-prone and unsecured state exchange web sites and the federal exchange website, healthcare.gov. Doing
so puts Americans at risk for having their private medical data shared with various government agencies. The federal health care plan also compromises care, ties the hands of medical professionals and takes more money out of the pockets of hard-working Americans.

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 2015 for being without coverage in 2014, for the lesser of $95 or 1% of your income**—much less expensive and less risky that the high premiums of the government exchanges.
3. **Claim one of nine Obamacare exemptions**, including being a member of a health-sharing organization or having income too low to file a tax return. (Read more about exemptions at [http://www.cchfreedom.org/pr/ObamacareMandate-9Exemptions.pdf](http://www.cchfreedom.org/pr/ObamacareMandate-9Exemptions.pdf)).

*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:

1. **No Private Insurance**: Obamacare is “Medicaid for the middle class.”
2. **No Privacy**: Patient data enters a federal database that is accessible by the IRS.
3. **Limited Choice**: Health care coverage utilizes “narrow network” policies.
4. **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.

*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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