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No June Obamacare Report – What’s the Administration Hiding?

Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom Calls Out Administration’s Secrecy, Asks “How Many Enrollees Actually Remain?”

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Since the end of Open Enrollment, the Obama Administration has been boasting 8 million enrollees in the government-run health care plan. Ironically, not long after claiming this feat, the Administration quietly announced it would no longer release monthly enrollment reports and provided no information on when future reports might be available.

Meanwhile, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires that enrollees be dropped after three months of non-payment. Therefore, those who signed up earlier during open enrollment in order to make the once-publicized March deadline could be off the roster now for never paying their premium. Furthermore, Fox News and the Associated Press recently reported that 2.1 million enrollees have data inconsistencies in their records.

All of this leads Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom (CCHF, www.cchfreedom.org) to ask if the June report is M.I.A. because the numbers aren’t as positive as they once seemed.

“Conveniently, the Obama Administration stopped issuing enrollment reports just before we would start seeing the drop-offs of those who did not actually pay their premiums and those who unrolled themselves,” said Twila Brase, president and co-founder of CCHF, a Minnesota-based national organization dedicated to preserving patient-centered health care and protecting patient and privacy rights. “Now, because of another huge data discrepancy, another 2.1 million of Obama’s magic 8 million number have problems with their records. So we ask this Administration: ‘Where is the enrollment report, and if you aren’t willing to report the latest numbers, what are you trying to hide?’”
In the most recent discovery of data discrepancies, one-fourth of the purported 8 million enrollees had record inconsistencies, meaning the information they submitted was different from existing government records. These inconsistencies were in income or citizenship or immigration status, and they could jeopardize coverage for some, especially because only citizens and legal immigrants are allowed subsidized coverage.

“We have no idea whether 8 million Americans are actually covered by Obamacare,” Brase continued, “The 8 million number hasn’t been audited, so we don’t know if the Administration inflated it by counting those who signed up rather than paid. And now, whatever the real number is, it’s probably less. There are a multitude of reasons that enrollees may drop out: non-payment, discovering that the premiums are just too high, realizing that they won’t have access to their doctors, and the list goes on and on.

“Yet, this Administration is still hiding behind the smokescreen of ‘8 million enrollees.’ If Obamacare were the smashing success the president predicted, the Administration would be putting out weekly reports boasting soaring enrollment numbers. The fact that the Administration has gone silent – combined with what we already know about non-paying enrollees and what has now been revealed about data discrepancies – suggests the Administration is hiding the numbers because they are dropping. The American people have a right to know the real figures of the law that’s been recklessly forced on them.”

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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