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Where is the August Obamacare Enrollment Report? What is There to Hide?

Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom: Taxpayers Have a Right to Know the Successes and Failures of Government Health Care Plan

ST. PAUL, Minn.—For the third consecutive month, the Department of Health and Human Services has neglected to release a report about current Obamacare enrollment numbers. The lack of information begs the question, “What is there to hide?”

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, says the American public has a right to know about any successes or failures in the problem-plagued government health care system.

“We’ve often heard the Obama Administration touting the 8 million enrollees in Obamacare,” said CCHF president and co-founder Twila Brase. “Immediately after the enrollment deadline, we saw monthly reports on Obamacare numbers. But then, the reports suddenly stopped. How many are still enrolled in Obamacare? How many are paying their premiums? How many have dropped out? The American public is paying for this flawed program through taxes and penalties, and they have a right to know these numbers.”

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires that enrollees be dropped after three months of non-payment. Therefore, millions who originally signed up could be off the roster now for not paying their premiums. Furthermore, numerous media outlets have reported millions of data inconsistencies in enrollee records, meaning some may be on the hook for much higher premiums or may not be eligible for subsidies or coverage at all.

“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 unenrolled themselves,” Brase added.
A recent critical court decision could pose more problems for Obamacare or unravel it completely. Last month, a U.S. District Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the plaintiffs in Halbig vs. Burwell, which found that subsidies to help Americans pay for government health care coverage are available only through state exchanges, not through the federal exchange at HealthCare.gov.

If this decision is upheld through appeals, at least 4.5 million Americans who live in the 36 states without exchanges and who, therefore, purchased their coverage through the federal exchange using subsidies may see vast changes in their premiums—or in their enrollment eligibility altogether.

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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