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President's Executive Order on Gun Control and Healthcare Professionals Violates Spirit of Obamacare

Citizens' Council for Health Freedom Accuses Administration of Hypocrisy Regarding Executive Order #16

STATEMENT by Twila Brase, President of the Citizens' Council for Health Freedom:

“President Obama’s sixteenth executive order about not prohibiting doctors from asking their patients about guns in their homes violates existing laws and should be stricken from the books and not upheld.

According to the Patient Privacy and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) Section 2714 – which deals with reporting – it clearly states ‘No individual shall be required to disclose any information under any data collection activity [which would certainly include a conversation] authorized under PPACA or any amendment made by that Act relating to 1) the lawful ownership or possession of a firearm or ammunition, or 2) the lawful use, possession, or storage of a firearm or ammunition.’

Executive Order # 16 is hypocritical: it pressures patients to respond to intrusive queries from doctors, when PPACA clearly states that they are in no way obligated to disclose such information.

If doctors, who are in a position of authority, put patients in the position of having to refuse to answer the doctors’ questions, it puts patients in an awkward position and damages the doctor-patient relationship.”

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Ms. Brase is available for media interviews. To book, please contact Karyn Price at kprice@hamiltonstrategies.com.

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