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Empty Promises: Whole Classes of Americans to Experience Obamacare Sticker Shock for Mandatory Healthcare They Can't Afford or Access

*Citizens' Council for Health Freedom Says New Exemptions to Healthcare Increase Number
of Uninsured Americans*

ST. PAUL, M.N. – Last week, the Department of Health and Human Services unveiled **new Obamacare waivers to the individual coverage mandate, offering hardship exemptions to several classes of Americans that do not meet specific income thresholds**. Among those groups are the family members of a spouse who has access to an affordable employer-sponsored individual policy and individuals who would be eligible for expanded Medicaid coverage in states that choose not to expand the Medicaid program.

These **exemptions create huge classes of still uninsured Americans, despite the Obamacare promise of ensuring that every American has health insurance that is affordable and accessible**. The administration made a promise about healthcare coverage that it cannot afford to keep; the result is a large group of “boomerang” individuals who could not afford coverage previously, thought they’d gain coverage within Obamacare, and now are returning to the government for waivers based on the high cost of coverage and care.

“Obamacare is an unsustainable government program with a price tag too high for individuals or the government to pay for,” said Twila Brase, President of the Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom. “The result is countless Americans who remain unable to pay for insurance or care. The whole landscape of American healthcare is being changed to accommodate a program that is a failure before it even begins.”

The **Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom** provides extensive research and resources for individuals that want to better understand the PPACA – or Obamacare – law and the potential impact on healthcare and insurance coverage. For more information, citizens can visit www.cchfreedom.org.

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Twila Brase is president and co-founder of the Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom. She has been called one of the “100 Most Powerful People in Health Care” and one of “Minnesota’s 100 Most Influential Health Care Leaders.” The Council’s efforts have stopped government-issued treatment directives, added informed consent requirements for access to patient data and defeated a proposed Health Insurance Exchange. Brase’s daily radio commentary, Health Freedom Minute, is a 60-second radio address on pressing health care issues. 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.