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In a World Where the Affordable Care Act No Longer Exists...

Citizens' Council for Health Freedom: End of ACA Would Restore Affordable Indemnity Plans, End Costly Benefit Mandates, Expand Employment Opportunities and Permanently Repeal the Individual Mandate

ST. PAUL, Minn.—March was a great month for health care freedom.

On March 25, the Trump administration's Department of Justice [fully sided](#) with the decision by United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas Reed O'Connor, who late last year ruled the Affordable Care Act invalid and unconstitutional.

This was a very good move, says [Citizens' Council for Health Freedom \(CCHF\)](#), because the Affordable Care Act hasn't been constitutional since Day 1.

In a two-sentence letter to the U.S. Court of Appeals, which will hear the case next, the DOJ said it had "determined that the district court's judgment should be affirmed" and that "the United States is not urging that any portion of the district court's judgment be reversed."

"Instead of making an effort to support the law," said award-winning author and CCHF president and co-founder Twila Brase, "the Department of Justice will file a brief in support of throwing out the entire Affordable Care Act. This was a red-letter day for freedom and the Constitution of the United States of America."

While naysayers try to convince the public that they will experience great losses if the ACA goes away, Brase said Americans have lost their doctors, affordable coverage, affordable deductibles, freedom to use their money as they see fit, privacy, jobs, and a sense of medical and financial security as a result of the ACA. Without the ACA in law, expected improvements in freedom, financial security and choices include:

- Patients would again be able to buy affordable indemnity plans, or true insurance policies.
- With true insurance policies, patients could return to the doctors they lost.
- 21 ACA taxes and fees will disappear.
- Employers would be free to offer insurance or not, or offer cash payments for employees to purchase their own policies.
- Small businesses could employ more than 50 people without being tied to an insurance mandate, which would, in turn, open more full-time jobs.
- There would be no pricy list of essential health benefits that everyone would have to pay for, regardless of if they used or wanted these services. Insurance benefits could be customizable.
- The mandate to purchase insurance, and the penalty for not being insured, would disappear (*Even though the penalty is currently zeroed out, the mandate and penalty language still exist in the law*).

- Taxpayers would no longer be required to report their insurance status to the IRS.
- Inexpensive child-only policies could be resurrected.
- Americans who are on Medicaid, but never wanted to be, could be free from it again.
- Physicians could own hospitals again, building a competitive force against large consolidated systems.
- Exchanges would shut down, cutting costs to states and ending intrusive links to the federal data hub.

CCHF also plans to file an amicus brief to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, in support of the plaintiffs in *Texas vs. Azar*.

In the new book, ***“Big Brother in the Exam Room: The Dangerous Truth About Electronic Health Records,”*** which was recently named a first-place winner for the [Reader Views Literary Awards](#), Brase writes extensively about government health care, socialized medicine, patient privacy, electronic health records, health freedom and how the Affordable Care Act has harmed patients and doctors since its 2010 enactment. Find ***“Big Brother in the Exam Room”*** online wherever books are sold or at BigBrotherintheExamRoom.com.

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