

CCHF Opposes Dayton's Executive Order on Health Reform, including the Authorized Development of the Obamacare Health Insurance Exchange Defeated by the 2011 State Legislature

In response to today's "Establishing a Vision for Health Care Reform in Minnesota" Executive Order signed and issued by Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton, Twila Brase, president of Citizens' Council for Health Freedom, the organization which defeated the Governor's proposed Health Insurance Exchange last session, makes the following statement:

"Governor Dayton has overreached his executive authority and wronged the Minnesota public. The Governor does not have authority to implement the federal health care reform law. In moving Obamacare forward in Minnesota without legislative authority, Governor Dayton is following federal law, not state law. This is a violation of his powers and responsibilities under the Minnesota constitution. The Minnesota legislature did not grant the governor authority to implement or spend federal funds to implement Obamacare.

"Furthermore, the Obamacare health insurance exchange was defeated by the people's representatives at the state legislature last session, and the federal law's constitutionality is in serious doubt with multiple lawsuits against it headed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The Governor's two task forces, also put into place by executive order, use taxpayer dollars without legislative authority and are made up of many of the old Big Government and Big HMO players that have been working since the late 1980's to bring government-run, HMO-managed health care to Minnesota.

"The Minnesota legislature should immediately introduce a bill to repeal the executive order and stop all federal and state funds from being used to implement Obamacare in Minnesota.

"Governor Dayton clearly did not want to face the controversy engendered by this unilateral decision until after the deed was done. Contacts were made by the Governor's office to fill the positions in these non-authorized task forces without public notice. And this executive order to implement Obamacare and the defeated health insurance exchange was signed without public notice. Furthermore, only the media were invited to the telephone call with the Governor's Office that announced the executive order this morning.

"Given how scary it is that the Governor is following federal law, rather than state law, the Governor must have thought Halloween the perfect day to issue this scary executive order."

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