CCHF Applauds Texas v. Azar for Ruling Obamacare Individual Mandate Unconstitutional

But Says Ruling Doesn’t Go Far Enough; Hurts Patients

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom (CCHF) supports the ruling by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal that the Affordable Care Act’s individual mandate is unconstitutional.

“We are pleased with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling, but it didn’t go far enough,” said Twila Brase, president and co-founder of CCHF. “The individual mandate cannot be severed from the rest of the 2,700-page Affordable Care Act, thus the court should have ruled that the entire law is invalid, as the lower district court found.

“As the Court notes in the first paragraph of the ruling, we argued in our Amicus Brief, filed jointly with the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, that the Act ‘has deprived patients nationwide of a competitive market for affordable high-deductible health insurance,’ leaving ‘patients with no alternative to…skyrocketing premiums,’” Brase added. “Sending it back to the lower court, which already ruled the right way, continues to deprive citizens and patients of the affordable coverage that freedom from Obamacare would bring.”

CCHF maintains a patient-centered, privacy-focused, free-market perspective. CCHF has worked in its home state of Minnesota and at the national level for more than 20 years to protect health care choices, individualized patient care, and medical and genetic privacy rights.

Twila Brase, RN, PHN was selected as one of 18 leaders to participate in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Quality Summit, co-chaired by Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan, which will provide President Trump with a roadmap for restructuring quality measurement programs by the end of 2019. She is the author of the four-time award-winning book, Big Brother in the Exam Room: The Dangerous Truth About Electronic Health Records.”

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