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Citizens' Council for Health Freedom: **Obama Asks for \$864 Million to Establish Federal Healthcare Takeover Center**

*The President's New Budget Asks For Nearly \$1 Billion
To Build a Federal "Exchange"*

St. Paul, Minn.— In a briefing yesterday CMS Administrator Marilyn Tavenner said \$864 million of the \$1 billion increase that President Obama is seeking in the CMS budget will be used for building a federal health insurance exchange. The federal exchange will be imposed on states that refuse to build an exchange using state law.

Citizens' Council for Health Freedom, headed by Twila Brase as president and co-founder, has been leading the charge against state legislatures establishing health insurance exchanges. Her organization has helped to defeat the exchange in Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Michigan.

"The fact that the Obama Administration is now seeking even more money than it has already appropriated to implement the unpopular health reform law shows how desperate the administration is to impose the federal takeover before the U.S. Supreme Court rules on the constitutionality of Obamacare," says Brase.

Although the exchange has been sold as a marketplace, Brase says that definition is incorrect and meant to garner buy-in from the public. Instead, she points to what the law actually says. Every exchange is required by law to:

- share personal and financial data with the federal government,
- monitor insurance status for the purpose of enforcing the individual mandate
- limit choices of insurance options
- expand dependency/subsidies into the middle class
- hide the rise in health insurance premiums
- monitor the entire health care industry

- abide by all federal law and federal regulations yet to come

Brase says, “Every exchange is a federal exchange. Every exchange is a federal takeover center. Many state legislators have seen through the ruse of a so-called “state exchange” and are refusing to comply. State legislators realize that establishing Obama’s government exchange gives the federal government control over all health care and health insurance in their State.

“Congress should refuse to provide these funds, and States should refuse to comply with the command to build a federal takeover center or allow one to be imposed. State legislators need to reassert constitutional States’s rights to protect citizens from the massive federal overreach that is Obamacare,” Brase said.

Twila Brase broadcasts a daily, 60-second radio feature, ***Health Freedom Minute***, which brings health care issues to light for the American public. ***Health Freedom Minute*** airs on the entire American Family Radio Network, with more than 150 stations nationwide in addition to Bott Radio Network with over 80 stations nationwide. During the daily features, **listeners can learn more about the agenda behind proposed health care initiatives and policies and what they can do to protect their health care choices, rights and privacy.**

Brase, a public health nurse and health care freedom advocate, informs listeners of crucial health issues, such as the intrusive wellness and prevention initiatives in Obamacare, patient privacy and the need for informed consent requirements, the dangers of “evidence-based medicine” and the implications of state and federal health care reform.

Health Freedom Minute is sponsored by the ***Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom***, a freedom-focused, patient-centered national health care organization based in St. Paul, Minn. ***CCHF*** supports patient and doctor freedom, medical innovation and the right of citizens to a confidential patient-doctor relationship.

For more information about ***Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom***, 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.

Brase 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.