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## **Insurance Company ‘Hush Money’ Hides Real Obamacare Costs until after 2016 Election**

*Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom Says Help for Insurance Companies  
Has a Hidden Obamacare Agenda—As Usual*

**ST. PAUL, Minn.**—Just months before health plans are required to announce their premiums for 2015, the Obama Administration is offering them billions in taxpayer dollars to keep up the illusion that the Affordable Care Act is affordable.

According to the Los Angeles Times, Obamacare officials have quietly tweaked key provisions of the federal health care plan “to potentially make billions of additional taxpayer dollars available to the insurance industry if companies providing coverage through the Affordable Care Act lose money.”

It’s being called a “bailout” by some, but *Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom (CCHF, [www.cchfreedom.org](http://www.cchfreedom.org))*, a Minnesota-based national organization dedicated to preserving patient-centered health care and protecting patient and privacy rights, says it’s actually “hush money” to keep insurance companies from significantly raising their premium rates before the 2014 and 2016 elections.

***“President Obama is trying to keep insurance companies from raising their rates, at least not before the next two elections,” said CCHF president and co-founder Twila Brase. “It’s in his best political interests that Americans not see or feel the full cost of Obamacare before the upcoming 2014 election, which will determine who controls the Senate, and before the 2016 presidential election, when he hopes to welcome a president who will work to make sure Obamacare – his signature act – lives on as his legacy.”***

Actually, Brase added, the funds being funneled to insurance companies are just a temporary fix to a long-term problem. Industry experts say that insurance companies are already projecting rate increases because those enrolling in Obamacare are older and sicker than expected.

The success or failure of Obamacare hinges on two undeniable facts: first, the young and healthy must enroll in state exchanges to subsidize health care for the old and sick; and second, the state and federal exchanges must become financially sustainable, either through substantial enrollment in Obamacare or through taxation. As *CCHF* has been reporting all along, the exchanges are the Achilles' heel of Obamacare. If the prices are too high, the young and healthy will avoid them.

***“Insurance companies will inevitably lose money because of the cost of insuring patients under Obamacare,” Brase said. “This promised transfer of funds from ‘other sources’ to keep premium prices down during the next two election cycles is yet another deception to keep up the illusion that Obamacare is affordable. It’s not, but President Obama’s administration wants to fool the American people into thinking that it is—at least until November 2016.”***

The promised transfer of funds, found in a recently-issued regulation, is part of a White House effort to keep premium increases down for next year and drive Americans into the Obamacare exchanges.

***“Make no mistake,” Brase added. “This is not a bailout; it’s a smokescreen to keep the American people from seeing the full cost of Obamacare. If they don’t see these increased costs in their own pocketbooks, they’ll see them in their taxes. We encourage Americans to look beyond the deception, refuse to enroll in Obamacare, and refuse to help the president as he tries to permanently embed this very expensive, government-controlled health care system into America’s future.”***

*Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year, Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom is a patient-centered national health freedom 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. CCHF also sponsors the daily, 60-second radio feature, Health Freedom Minute, which airs on more than 150 stations nationwide on the American Family Radio Network and 90-plus stations on the Bott Radio Network. Listeners can learn more about the agenda behind proposed health care initiatives and steps they can take to protect their health care choices, rights and privacy.*

*CCHF president and co-founder Twila Brase, R.N., has been called one of the “100 Most Powerful People in Health Care” and one of “Minnesota’s 100 Most Influential Health Care Leaders.” Brase, a public health nurse, 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. She is at the forefront of informing the public of crucial health issues, such as intrusive wellness and prevention initiatives in Obamacare, patient privacy, informed consent, the dangers of “evidence-based medicine” and the implications of state and federal health care reform.*

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