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Citizens Council for Health Freedom: President Obama - You Broke It, You Fix It

CCHF Says Lawmakers Should Focus on Repeal of ACA, Not Patching a Fatally Flawed and Unsustainable System

ST. PAUL, Minn.—As the fate of Obamacare subsidies rests in the U.S. Supreme Court’s hands, lawmakers are already proposing ‘fixes’ should the Court rule against President Obama’s landmark but disastrous healthcare legislation.

But *Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom (CCHF, www.cchffreedom.org)*, a Minnesota-based national organization dedicated to preserving patient-centered health care and protecting patient and privacy rights, says the only ‘fix’ to Obamacare is a full repeal.

“Even though a Supreme Court decision isn’t expected until late June in King v. Burwell, lawmakers are scurrying to create plans to fix the system,” said CCHF co-founder and president Twila Brase. “Disagreements are already dividing parties and even groups within the same party. But the only way to fix the system is to fully repeal Obamacare.”

According to NationalJournal.com, at least four supposed “fixes” have been either formally introduced or floated as ideas. “They range from the ambitious, remaking the Affordable Care Act in a conservative image, to the simple, preventing the loss of subsidies but otherwise maintaining the status quo until (presumably) a new Republican president and Congress could address health care reform on their own terms in 2017.”

“There is no ‘fix’ but repeal,” Brase continued. “President Obama wants to put pressure on Republican governors and members of Congress to fix his unpopular law, but due to the high annual costs of state exchanges, we don’t believe many of the non-exchange states will help President Obama out of the Obamacare mess, and we don’t want Congress to lend a helping hand either. This is the President’s problem. It’s his law, and he must fix it by agreeing to repeal it.”

The Obamacare infrastructure is already in trouble. With all federal funding dried up and lower-than-expected enrollments, [The Washington Post](http://TheWashingtonPost) reports half of the state exchanges are struggling financially. And as reported in TheHill.com, states running their own Obamacare exchanges may be illegally using federal dollars to keep them afloat, according to a new warning from a federal auditor. The Hill continued, “The inspector general for (the) Department of Health and Human Services said

officials must better inform states about the purpose of the grants to prevent them from improperly using the money to prop up their health insurance exchanges.”

Meanwhile Colorado and Rhode Island, both of which established state exchanges, are exploring means to raise more revenue to help their exchanges survive, with Colorado eyeing potential fee increases and Rhode Island considering surcharges.

“The bottom line is that Obamacare has been a disaster from the outset,” Brase said. “And we are seeing this even more as state exchanges are floundering. Instead of trying to ‘fix’ Obamacare, lawmakers should be looking at the White House and saying, ‘You broke the health care system, now fix it by repealing the law.’ Congress and GOP governors must not bail out the administration if the U.S. Supreme Court rules against them and requires them to follow the law as written. Instead, President Obama should agree to repeal this law before more damage is done to the health care system Americans depend upon.”

For more information about **CCHF**, visit its web site at www.cchfreedom.org, its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cchfreedom or its Twitter feed, @CCHFfreedom.

Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom, a patient-centered national health freedom organization based in St. Paul, Minn., exists to protect health care choices and patient privacy. CCHF sponsors the daily, 60-second radio feature, Health Freedom Minute, which airs on approximately 350 stations nationwide, including 200 on the American Family Radio Network and 100 on the Bott Radio Network. Listeners can learn more about the agenda behind 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.” A public health nurse, 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. 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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