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New Audit Reveals Nearly 3 Million Inconsistencies in Obamacare Enrollee Data

*Citizens' Council for Health Freedom Says Far from Preventing Fraud,
Health Care System is Contributing to It*

ST. PAUL, Minn.—More problems with Obamacare abound—this time with inconsistent data for those who have enrolled.

A government audit recently revealed that 2.9 million data inconsistencies exist within the federal health care plan, including problems with Social Security numbers, income, family size or citizenship, which open enrollees up to rules violations, technology issues and receiving huge subsidy overpayments from the federal government.

That's nearly 3 million data problems identified from October 1, 2013 to February 23, 2014.

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 report is proof that Obamacare is not in the best interest of the American people, as it sucks their tax money into a system that doesn't work and puts their private data at risk.

It's time for repeal, says **CCHF** co-founder and president Twila Brase.

“This latest dust-up very clearly shows the desperation of the Obama Administration over the floundering and failing health care system,” Brase said. “With no plans for data security and no system in place for financial accountability, they opened up an obviously flawed and potentially fraudulent coverage plan to the American people. Obamacare supporters did everything possible to force Americans into a national health care system, but the data discrepancies are just the latest item on a long list of reasons why this system simply cannot continue.”

About 1.3 million data issues involved citizenship and another million surrounded income, and therefore, program eligibility. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was unable to resolve about 2.6 million of the discrepancies because the Obamacare “eligibility system was not fully

operational,” meaning that the government “cannot ensure that an applicant meets each of the eligibility requirements for enrollment” or that the correct tax subsidies are being recorded. HHS also admitted that some applicants may have more than one inconsistency in their records. Furthermore, there isn’t even sufficient information on where the data inconsistencies are or exactly which information is inaccurate.

Despite months of extensive efforts and marketing by the administration, just 2.6 million had enrolled by the end of February. The data discrepancies add up to the same number.

The state-run exchanges didn’t fare much better; more than one-third of the data collected by 11 state exchanges that submitted information for the report had problems as well.

“These massive data discrepancies are a grave problem, but a separate report also found that the federal exchange and two state exchanges weren’t set up well enough to protect taxpayers from fraud and abuse,” Brase said. “The administration put their policy agenda ahead of taxpayers. In the race to implement Obamacare, the mechanisms to guard against fraudulent use of the American tax dollar were never in place—and the taxpayers will be the ones left paying the bill.”

The health department has blamed everything from computer issues to problems with the massive federal data hub, which stores the private medical and personal data of Obamacare and Medicaid enrollees and shares it broadly putting citizens’ privacy at risk and opening the door to fraudulent access and use of citizens’ data.

But Brase says the system was never on safe footing, and the only remedy is repeal.

“Proponents of Obamacare hope to expand enrollment despite the huge potential for fraud, so they can claim the system is working and that repeal is a lost cause. But in fact Obamacare is not working. It’s in trouble. Prices are going up. Access is going down. Now is the time to repeal the law before the real marketplace, its broad access to care and its competitive prices disappear.”

Celebrating its 20th year, Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom is a patient-centered national health freedom organization based in St. Paul, Minn. CCHF exists to protect health care choices and patient privacy. CCHF 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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