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State Health Insurance Exchanges Compromise Patient Privacy, Provide Federal Agencies Broad Control over Health Care

*Citizens' Council for Health Freedom Continues Push to Have States Forego
Health Exchange Implementation*

Key Facts:

- After the Supreme Court Ruling on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) components of the law – like healthcare exchanges – are on the fast track to be implemented.
- State healthcare exchanges are website portals that feed into the national exchange and allowing broad access of private health data by five government agencies.
- The *Citizens' Council for Health Freedom (CCHF)* continues to urge states to refuse implementation of health insurance exchanges to prohibit the implementation of the PPACA, prevent privacy intrusions and limit the detrimental financial consequences of the PPACA.

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Now that the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) mainly constitutional, primary components such as health insurance exchanges are being pushed at the state level. But implementation of these exchanges creates new and lasting challenges, adding \$340 billion to the nation's deficit and creating \$17 trillion in long-term, unfunded liabilities that will burden the already floundering economy. Perhaps even more disturbing is the intrusion into patient privacy that these exchanges allow.

“Many Americans do not recognize the governmental overreach of power that implementation of the state and national healthcare exchanges creates,” said Twila Brase, President of the Citizens' Council for Health Freedom. “But once these web portals to the federal government are created and implemented, they will be very hard to dismantle, and the control they exert over insurance and medical delivery, and the access they allow to individual data is disturbing.

These portals provide five major government agencies access to personal information. They are not the one-stop-shopping “marketplaces” that they have been described to be.”

Many Americans don't understand the flow of information allowed through the state healthcare exchanges. According to the CCHF, the exchange is a web portal that enables data transfers, financial transactions, and bureaucratic functions for the purpose of implementing the federal controls of the PPACA.

Brase continues to urge state legislators to refuse to implement these exchanges in their states and prevent the exchange system from moving forward.

“I’ve spoken to a number of legislators in the months leading up to the Supreme Court decision,” Brase concluded. “Many now understand and agree that the states are the only barrier to full implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. They can and must refuse to implement these exchanges in their states to protect their fiscal health and the privacy and choices of all citizens. This is the clearest way to prevent the implementation of this onerous legislation until the Congress can vote to repeal it.”

Twila Brase shares health care-related news with the American public in her daily, 60-second radio feature, ***Health Freedom Minute***. ***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 patient-centered national health freedom organization. ***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*** or to sign up for the weekly ***CCHF Health eNews***, visit www.cchfreedom.org.

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