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## **CCHF Asserts: State Health Exchanges Simply a Ruse to Mandate Federal Registration of All Americans**

*Statewide “Marketplaces” Feed Directly to National Portal; Force Americans to Register with Federal Government*

**Key Facts:**

- Under the Obama Administration’s Affordable Care Act, states must implement state-run “American Health Benefit Exchanges,” otherwise known as state health exchanges, which comply with a host of federal regulations.
- States refusing to implement a health exchange will have a federally established exchange imposed upon them.
- State exchanges are simply a façade that provides the federal government access, through oversight and control measures included in the Affordable Care Act, to individuals’ private data and forces individuals to register with the government for either insurance or exemption status.

**ST. PAUL, M.N.** – As states begin to process and plan for the implementation of “American Health Benefit Exchanges,” otherwise known as state health exchanges, the reality of the end of personal health privacy is being realized by individual citizens. The [Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom](http://www.cchfreedom.org) has produced a detailed diagram that shows exactly how each individual state exchange is connected back to the federal government, creating a federal registration system that involves every American.

Through the Affordable Care Act, exchanges are federally mandated to handle and manage not only private health data, but they can forward coverage data to the IRS for purposes of determining tax penalties based on coverage level. Other government agencies, like the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and the Social Security Administration also have access to citizen’s private data, as the Affordable Care Act mandates

that the Department of Health and Human Services has the authority to require “any measure or procedure” be undertaken by the exchange.

As currently written, HHS has the authority to require or deny coverage of procedures as they deem fit based on the data available through an individual’s health record. The federal government can also track citizens from the time of birth and mandate registration with the state health exchange within a defined amount of time.

***“President Obama’s state portals for national registration of citizen insurance status and IRS enforcement of the individual mandate requiring all Americans to purchase insurance is a major intrusion into the privacy of citizens and a hindrance to the doctor – patient relationship,” said Twila Brase, President for the Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom. “Not only do state health exchanges require registration of every American citizen – whether they purchase insurance or not – they enable access to a multitude of very private data and authorize five government agencies, including DOJ, IRS, SSA and DHS, to have access to that data.”***

The ***Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom*** is urging state legislators to refuse implementation of the state health exchange to prevent federal intrusion into the lives of their citizens.

***“In the short term, refusal to implement a state exchange for as long as possible to prevent the intrusion into citizens’ privacy, as well as to prevent the incredible cost is the best strategy,” said Brase. “Of course, our hope is that the election in November will result in the ultimate repeal of Obamacare so that state exchanges will no longer be an issue, but in the meantime, refusal to implement them is the best option to prevent the overwhelmingly negative consequences of implementation.”***

***Twila 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.

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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. She 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, among others.