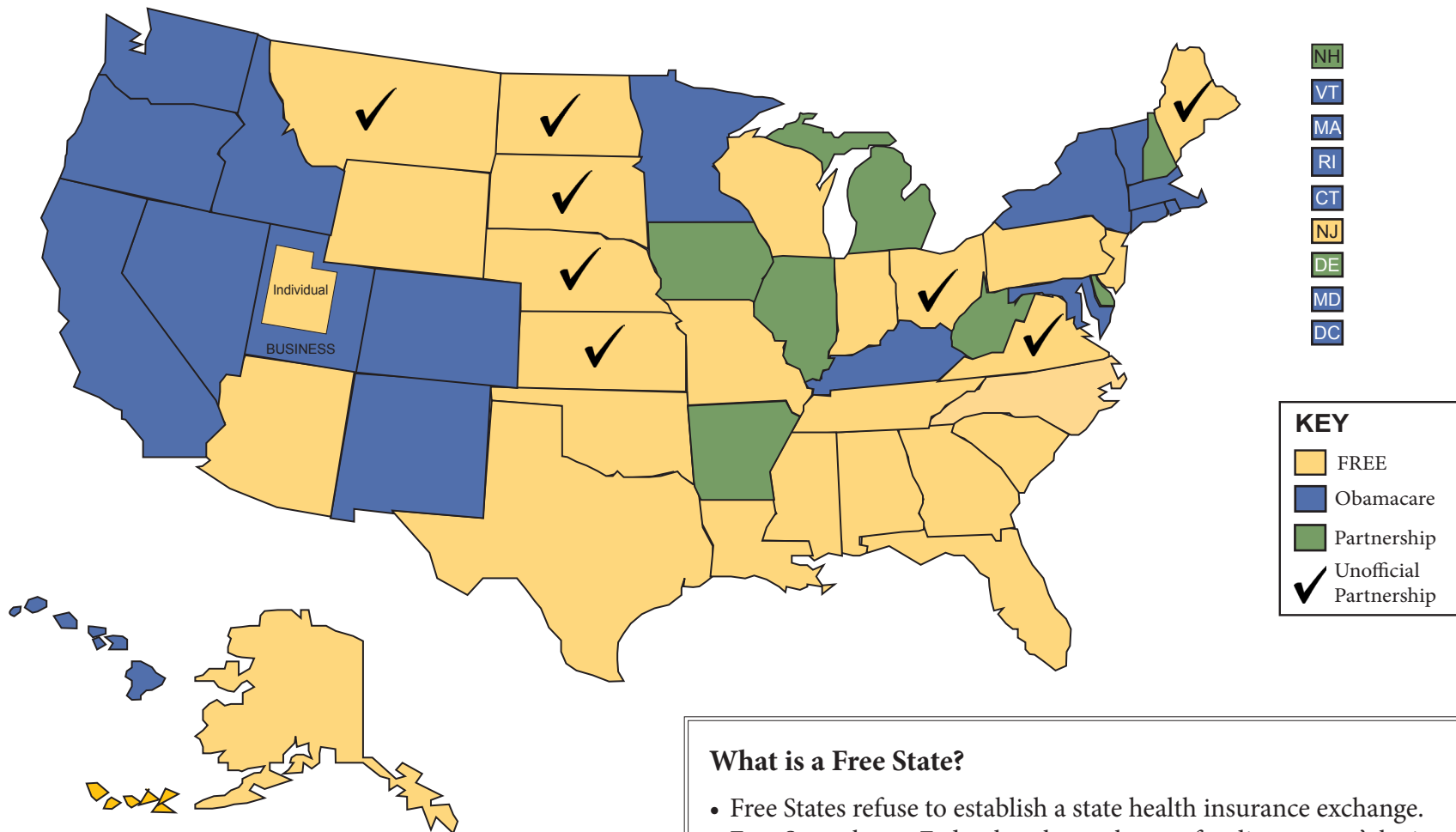


Free States vs. Obamacare States



What is a Free State?

- Free States refuse to establish a state health insurance exchange.
- Free States know Federal exchange has no funding, so can't be imposed.
- Without a state exchange:
 - Private individual data is not shared with federal government.
 - Employers are exempt from IRS employer mandate penalties.
 - More individuals are exempt from individual mandate penalties.
- Free States refuse to “partner” with federal government to impose exchange.

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