



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

Health Freedom Minute

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Upsetting the Obamacare Applecart

The Trump administration has gone out on a legal limb. States will be allowed to use the Affordable Care Act's premium subsidies in ways not allowed by the law. States could provide them for any insurance policy on or off the exchange.

As a reminder, Obamacare only allows taxpayer-funded premium subsidies for plans sold on the exchange. This was likely done to draw as many people as possible into the exchanges so their dollars could be used to cover the newly insured with uninsurable pre-existing conditions who weren't covered before.

This new Trump policy threatens to further upset the Obamacare applecart, and lawsuits may be filed. But until Congress repeals Obamacare, the more upsets, the better.

“Trump to Let States Divert Obamacare Funds to Other Health Plans,” John Tozzi, Bloomberg, November 29, 2018:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-11-29/trump-to-let-states-divert-obamacare-funds-to-other-health-plans>

“CMS to Allow States to Use ACA Subsidies for Health Plans Outside of Exchanges,” Kelly Gooch, Becker's Hospital Review, December 3, 2018:

<https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/payer-issues/cms-to-allow-states-to-use-aca-subsidies-for-health-plans-outside-of-exchanges.html>

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