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Small Businesses May be Caught Unaware

Twelve days ago Congress discussed new IRS regulations that link independent businesses together, making them liable under the Obamacare employer mandate. One testifier from Michigan, Dorina Baker, owns an accounting firm, a payroll company and a retail store. Her husband owns a dairy farm.

All the businesses are separate but the IRS counts them as one employer because Dorina is a minority stakeholder in the farm. The four businesses together have nearly 50 employees, the magic number under which they must offer insurance or pay $2,000 per employee to the IRS. The National Small Business Association warns that many small businesses are going to be caught unaware.