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Congressional Lawyer Says No Right to Health Care

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase president of Citizens’ Council on Health Care.

A Knoxville, Tennessee attorney has filed a lawsuit against ObamaCare. More than 31,000 plaintiffs have joined the suit. The attorney argues that “Congress has absolutely no constitutional authority to regulate health care. Period.” Regulation of health, welfare, education, and crime, he says, is a police power retained by the states.

A Congressional Research Service report undergirds his argument.¹ Attorney Kathleen Swendiman writes,

“The U.S. Constitution does not explicitly address a right to health care. The words “health” or “medical care” do not appear anywhere in the text of the Constitution.

“The provisions in the Constitution indicate that the framers were somewhat more concerned with guaranteeing freedom from government, rather than with providing for specific rights to governmental services such as for health care.”

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