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Sweeping Data Feeds in Exchanges

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

Last month, Stephen Parente, a nationally recognized health economist told the Minnesota legislature about the sweeping exchange of data in the Obamacare Health Insurance Exchange.

For example, large employers will share employee data to look at total wages, to figure out who qualifies for tax subsidies, and to verify that the insurance meets government’s definition for “credible coverage.”

He said 700 pages were added to the bill because they had to “rewrite IRS code and Department of Treasury code to get access to a data feed from Treasury in real time to score people for their eligibility based on their income, based on their prior returns and based on their estimated payments. That’s why Obamacare is one of the most sweeping laws ever, he said.

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