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Aetna CEO Says Mandate Won’t Survive

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

The CEO of Aetna says Obamacare’s individual mandate to purchase health insurance will not survive the Supreme Court challenge.

Mr. Bertolini says and I quote, “…there isn’t anyone in Congress or the White House who thinks [the law] can stand without the individual mandate. They would have to tackle the risk issue (people waiting to buy insurance until they fall ill). New York state and Washington state are good examples of what might happen.

“When Washington went to guaranteed issue with no coverage requirement…the individual market collapsed in nine months...In New York, (which also requires insurers to take all applicants but does not require individuals to have coverage) you had almost half a million people in the individual market in 1996, now they have 60,000. And the cost is incredible.”

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