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Pawlenty Executive Order Contradiction

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

Last week, the Star Tribune ran a commentary discussing Governor Pawlenty’s executive order and claiming the Governor supports individual liberty and opposes government control in health care.

That is not my experience, unfortunately. Our organization has regularly opposed the Governor’s health care initiatives. For two years, we had to oppose his version of the ObamaCare health insurance exchange. He has supported the health department’s ongoing storage and use of baby DNA without parent consent.

He agreed to send our medical records to the state health department without our consent. He supports a 2008 law giving government access to medical records to track patients and penalize doctors who do not practice medicine the government way. These laws do not support individual liberty.

Find this broadcast including the laws at healthfreedomminute.net


Minnesota Statutes 62U.02 (reporting requirements) and M.S. 62U.04 (payment reform, including reporting encounter data to MDH)


Minnesota Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System: Quality Incentive Payment System, January 2010

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