

**9 THINGS YOUR CHURCH  
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# **OBAMACARE**



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# 1. **Obamacare Basics**

- The largest “safety net” legislation since Medicaid and Medicare (1965).
- A minimum price tag of 1.7 trillion dollars over the next 10 years.

The Patient and Protection Affordable Care Act (PPACA) moves America closer to universal healthcare via subsidies (taxes) that *promise to save money*, insure up to 30 million more people, and accept everyone with pre-existing conditions. But it also creates a moral dilemma for Christians who must pay for free abortions, abortion pills, birth control, and sterilization procedures. Every individual is mandated to get coverage or be fined, and any business with 50 or more employees will be fined for not providing insurance. In addition, each state must have an Exchange (<http://bit.ly/X3KRNO>) to offer subsidized healthcare to the middle-class and expand coverage for low-incomers by increasing Medicare. The PPACA promises more Medicaid funds for three years, but states suspicious of federal solvency can refuse it (13 states already have), knowing it creates dependency and increases the deficit.

For more details, download “Get the Facts” at <http://bit.ly/YPfaV7>.

## 2. **Be Forewarned and Forearmed**

- Your fundamental faith freedoms are now in federal crosshairs.

- Planned Parenthood's propaganda helped shape Obamacare.

To fan the emotional flames, Planned Parenthood trumpeted false alarms like “your boss does not get to decide whether you can have birth control” and that abortion is a healthcare issue. This is just inflammatory rhetoric. The freedom and affordability to buy contraception is available to everyone, as are abortions (under \$500). The real issue here is a citizen's conscientious objection and their denial of personal freedom to *choose* by arm-twisting their support of a law that forces those who don't want or like birth control to pay for those who do. If you are working at Focus on the Family or running a soup kitchen for The Salvation Army, the question is this: “Will you sacrifice your conscience to pay for what you abhor or go along with Obama's HHS mandate and avoid a hefty fine?”

<http://bit.ly/15KBHcn>

### 3. A Reason to Fear

- Is the tax-exempt status of the Church or pastors at risk?
- Is the soft pink underbelly of the Church being eyed by hungry lawyers?

Perhaps not today, but would you have thought that the federal government could force you to pay for health insurance ten years ago? And make it mandatory to the tune of fining you for not complying (\$95 next year and progressing to \$695 in 2016)? And, thanks to Planned Parenthood, your payments would provide free abortions, free abortion pills, birth control, and sterilization procedures? We need to be realistic and see that our government and lawyers need and love money and are both greedily eyeing the vast wealth that can be made by taking the church's tax-exempt status away. How long before atheists sue for tax-exempt status revocations and begin a new battle? Can this next fight be far off or unimaginable in light of Obamacare? There is a spiritual battle underway and, as King Solomon warned, "*A prudent man sees evil and hides himself, the naïve proceed and pay the penalty* (Proverbs 27:12 NASB)."

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## 4. My Tax Dollars Pay for What?

- Abortions, abortion pills, birth control, and sterilization procedures are free.
- Other common procedures like colonoscopies, heart surgeries, etc. are not free.

The Individual Mandate requires all Americans who are enrolled in State Exchanges to pay for abortions by paying a separate premium straight from their paychecks (Sec 1303, pg. 779–80). The prime concern for churches is that, in advocating Obamacare, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) *mandate* that employers provide contraceptive and abortifacient coverage for their employees is a direct menace to religious freedom. Under this edict, employers must provide coverage in their health insurance plans for contraceptives, including abortion-inducing drugs like *Plan B* (the morning-after pill), as well as a new drug named “Ella,” which is commonly called the “week-after pill.” This decree is imposed on employers like Hobby Lobby’s David Green, regardless of their religious beliefs against such drugs. So don’t be surprised when your paycheck looks lighter...because it is!

<http://bit.ly/YtIFLr>

## 5. Are There Any Other Options?

- Yes... there are several faith-based health co-ops available to you.
- Consider the Amish, who have shared costs communally for years.

According to a recent study by Price Waterhouse Coopers, the PPACA will increase health insurance premiums by 40 percent. Healthcare sharing ministries (like Samaritan Ministries, The Health Co-Op, and Medi-Share) are the only organizations exempt from the regulations and costs (Page 128, H.R. 3590). Anyone living a biblical lifestyle would qualify and be exempt from all of the taxes, fines, and expense of the PPACA requirements. Savings are significant for believers who live the Galatians 6:2 premise “*to share one another’s burdens,*” up to 60 percent less than some healthcare plans. Healthcare Co-Op puts the monthly cost at just \$150 for individuals and \$300 for couples.

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## 6. Churches Not Affected?

- Churches are exempt from the mandatory provisions  
BUT...

- Religious organizations are NOT (colleges, charities, hospitals, shelters, etc.).

The exception in the law that absolves churches does not exempt most religious organizations, including those reaching out to the poor and needy. Church, parachurch, and other religious ministries that have more than 50 employees are in danger of being subjected to the HHS mandate, regardless of their religious beliefs. Christian businesses are not exempt from the HHS mandate. Private employers who have religious objections to the requirement are offered no relief, and religious employers that are not houses of worship — like Wheaton College, The Salvation Army, World Vision, or your local Catholic hospital — are still required to provide employees with health insurance that gives them access to abortive and contraceptive drugs...despite their conscientious objections.

<http://bit.ly/YMNHVI>

## 7. An Ongoing Fight Unseen

- There are 47 cases — over 130 plaintiffs — fighting the HHS Mandate.

- Hobby Lobby has risked 1.3 million in fines each day to refuse compliance!

Nuns paying for abortions? Sounds like the start of a bad joke, right? But that is exactly where Obamacare would take “religious organizations” that miss the narrow governmental distinction for non-churches. And there are some big dogs in this fight... Tyndale Publishers, Domino’s Pizza, EWTN, Wheaton College, and Notre Dame, as well as countless Catholic dioceses. According to the Supreme Court, those fines or penalties for non-compliance are a tax (insert Taney’s *Dred Scott Decision* or *Roe vs Wade* for evidence that the court is not foolproof). So then, the government can tax the Catholic Church for holding to its religious convictions in ministering to needy people and forcing the closure of their services, hospitals, ministries, and institutions. This cannot be helpful for the needy communities they serve.

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## 8. Religious Liberty Assaulted

- Reverse intolerance is now the new normal.
- Nothing is fully decided yet.

Moral will bent to subservience to the State edict (to pay more taxes for elective abortions, sterilizations, contraceptives, and abortion-inducing drugs) sounds eerily similar to believers forced to offer incense to pronounce Caesar as God in Rome, 250 A.D. According to the Alliance Defending Freedom, “the Obama Administration is using healthcare law to become a dictator of conscience. Obamacare is holding your healthcare hostage and offering no real choice. It requires you to either comply and abandon your religious freedom and conscience or resist and be fined for your faith. By upholding the individual mandate, the greater of either the cost of the Obamacare plan or up to 2.5 percent of your salary can now be taken straight from your tax returns.”

<http://bit.ly/13eddIC>

<http://bit.ly/W0Aa0b>

## 9. Ever Heard of a Free Lunch?

- 2,700 pages that offers something for nothing...too good to be true?

- Insurance companies are a business and will recoup lost profits/expenses.

If there is no such thing as a free lunch, where will the \$1.7 trillion come from to pay for healthcare for 30 million more people and free abortion services? Taxes and increases in insurance premiums are the only answer (<http://onforb.es/XWGm3m>). According to Dave Camp, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, there will be a \$1200 first-year increase in insurance costs and another 13 percent estimated jump by 2016 (<http://1.usa.gov/Ysv6xK>). Government dependency, failed entitlements, and huge price increases sound like the failed efforts in Greece. Obamacare says we will not pay less than one dollar toward free abortion services, but it does not say how much *more* it may cost (Sec 1303, pg. 780). The devil is in the details.

In 2012, Mark Bertolini, CEO for Aetna, the third-largest health insurer in the country, warned that many consumers would face “premium rate shock” with the advent of Obamacare’s major insurance regulations in 2014. He predicted that unsubsidized premiums would rise 20 to 50 percent on average! *The American Action Forum* survey also found that the premium for a relatively bare-bones policy for a 27-year-old male nonsmoker on the individual market would be nearly 190 percent higher!

And now you know what Obamacare will really mean when it kicks in on January 1, 2014. So much for *promises to save money*.

<http://onforb.es/WeBVqv>