

Can Health Care Reform Survive Without Mandates?

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With one appellate court ruling the Obama administration's health care reform was constitutional, and another ruling that the individual mandate was unconstitutional but not voiding the rest of the law, the question looms: Could the reforms survive without the individual mandates? You know what insurance companies think. And the prospect of higher premiums could cause even Democrats who supported the law to balk. Of course, one state, Vermont, won't have a problem because they are planning on switching to a single payer system which will realize cost-savings anyway.

[Politico looks at the state of the question](#) [1] as we all wait for the Supreme Court to take the case,

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