

PPACA Supreme Court Ruling

Fact Sheet for Health Care Professionals

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The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) became law on March 23, 2010. Shortly thereafter, 26 states and the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) sued the federal government, claiming that PPACA's individual mandate provision (which requires all individuals to have "minimum essential" health coverage beginning in 2014 or be subject to a penalty) was unconstitutional.

After three of four federal Courts of appeal upheld the constitutionality of the individual mandate, the litigation ultimately wound its way to the Supreme Court.

PPACA Remains the Law of the Land

Today the Supreme Court of the United States upheld the constitutionality of the individual mandate provision of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Accordingly, PPACA's current health insurance reform provisions will remain in force, and we will continue implementing the law, as applicable.

Implications

Cigna remains committed to partnering with health care professionals to support access to high quality, affordable health care.

We are currently engaged in numerous value-based and collaborative accountable care programs throughout the country. Our collaboration with physicians, hospitals, and other health care professionals is focused on value rather than volume of care. This approach offers the best path to improved health, patient satisfaction, and lower medical costs, which is good for individuals, families, employers, and health care professionals.

In addition, there will be no impact on Cigna's existing PPACA compliance and implementation efforts – all of which will continue to be in effect. Cigna will continue to implement PPACA, assist our stakeholders with compliance, and remain actively engaged with lawmakers and other stakeholders. We will continue advocating for a health care delivery system in which every American has quality, affordable health care, and maintains continuous health care coverage.

For more information, please refer to the [Informed on Reform webpage](#) on Cigna.com.



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