

MORE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES UNDER OBAMACARE

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Experts are predicting that Missourians overwhelmingly rejecting Obamacare's mandate could stimulate similar efforts in other states. "With Missouri's move, six states now have laws on the books opposing the federal law. The others--in Idaho, Utah, Virginia, Georgia and Louisiana--were approved by state legislatures. Christie Herrera, health task-force director of the American Legislative Exchange Council, a group of conservative state lawmakers, said if other states have election results like Missouri's, it will likely spur state lawmakers elsewhere to consider placing the proposal before voters."

Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour is concerned that the estimated costs under the federal health care mandate will be too expensive for small businesses. "Republican Gov. Haley Barbour told the crowd that the federal health care mandates will be too expensive for state government and private businesses. He said it's too early to know all the ramifications. 'Let me say that you're going to see here, small business get clobbered,' said Barbour, who joined a Florida lawsuit seeking to block the law. Barbour said the federal government has no power to make Americans purchase any product, including insurance."

The Heritage Foundation points out another unintended consequence under Obamacare, specifically that some children may not have coverage. "Most children are covered by parents' employer-provided insurance or by government programs. But some parents buy individual health insurance coverage just for their kids. Starting next year, Obamacare prohibits insurers and employer plans imposing any pre-existing condition exclusions on children and requires them to accept all applications for children who qualify for coverage under their plans (so-called 'guaranteed issue'). Those provisions could have serious and unintended consequences for children, as well as others."

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David Boaz already noted Missourians' overwhelming rejection of the individual mandate yesterday. That, combined with Monday's decision in Virginia's lawsuit -- where the judge denied the government's motion to dismiss, ruling that Virginia had standing to make its claims and that those claims had sufficient merit to proceed -- should embolden Missouri's Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder. Kinder, in his personal capacity and joined by several other individuals, filed an Obamacare lawsuit last month.