

Attorney General Jeff Landry Slams ACA's Unconstitutional Tax

BATON ROUGE, LA - Attorney General Jeff Landry issued the following statement after Indiana, Nebraska, and Wisconsin joined Texas, Kansas, and Louisiana in challenging the validity of the Health Insurance Providers Fee (HIPF) in the Affordable Care Act (ACA):

“Washington forced the ACA down the throats of the American people without regard for the devastating costs to families and businesses. If Congress actually read the bill, they would have known the states were not given any notice that they would be forced to pay the HIPF. When enrollment did not meet their desired goals, the Administration passed this burden onto the Louisiana taxpayers. The people of Louisiana should not be required to cover this expensive mandate. I will continue to work with my fellow Attorneys General to ensure Louisiana is not saddled by this unconstitutional tax.”

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The State of Louisiana's funded portion of the amount paid to the Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program managed care organizations was approximately \$31,342,739.00 to cover costs associated with the HIPF for the 2014 payments (including the taxes managed care organizations must pay regarding payments to cover the fee but not including the portion of the fee the federal government funds).