

Attorney General Pam Bondi News Release

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Attorney General Pam Bondi and 25 Other States File Brief Challenging Medicaid Expansion of Federal Health Care Act

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. –Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi and the 25 other states challenging the federal health care act today filed their brief with the United States Supreme Court addressing the unconstitutional expansion of Medicaid. By threatening States with the loss of all federal Medicaid funding, Congress abuses its spending power and unconstitutionally coerces the States into massively expanding their Medicaid programs and spending billions more on Medicaid. The Medicaid Program is a substantial portion of each state's annual budget.

“Forcing states to vastly expand their Medicaid programs or risk losing all funding is an abuse of federal authority,” stated Attorney General Pam Bondi. “This overreach of government power threatens the taxpayers of every state in the nation.”

The federal government’s brief is due by Feb. 10, 2012.

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