

## AHIP Files Amicus Brief in Supreme Court

AHIP filed an amicus brief <http://bit.ly/sSP6f> yesterday asking the Supreme Court to accept the 11th Circuit case for review and to decide it this term. The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals is the case that struck down the individual mandate as unconstitutional, but did not consider whether the 2014 insurance market reforms, or other related provisions of the law, should also be struck down with the mandate. Accordingly, AHIP's brief also asks the Supreme Court to require the parties to fully articulate and defend their positions on the issue of whether other provisions of Affordable Care Act (ACA) would be invalidated along with the individual mandate if the mandate is found to be unconstitutional.

Filing this brief is consistent with AHIP's longstanding position that the insurance market regulations Congress enacted in the ACA and the individual mandate are inextricably linked. AHIP earlier this year submitted a policy-oriented brief <http://bit.ly/fPx2Sk> in the US Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit that reiterated this position. States that have enacted guarantee issue and community rating without getting everyone covered have experienced <http://www.ahip.org/content/fileviewer.aspx?docid=20794&linkid=179392> premium spikes, coverage disruptions and loss of choice for consumers.