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Against SB 973

The proponents claim "**The multi-state Health Care Compact would devolve all regulation in this area to states**". This is incorrect.

Section 4 specifically states that each member state will need to go through a separate legislative process to suspend each federal law.

- **Sec. 4. State Control.** Each Member State, within its State, may suspend by legislation the operation of all federal laws, rules, regulations, and orders regarding Health Care that are inconsistent with the laws and regulations adopted by the Member State pursuant to this Compact. Federal and State laws, rules, regulations, and orders regarding Health Care will remain in effect unless a Member State expressly suspends them pursuant to its authority under this Compact. For any federal law, rule, regulation, or order that remains in effect in a Member State after the Effective Date, that **Member State shall be responsible for the associated funding obligations** in its State.
- Yes it would be possible, after the Health Care Compact is adopted, for states to enact legislation nullifying federal laws but it is not the Compact that gives this authority. **Legislators can do that now.**
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The Compact creates a new bureaucracy that **we will have to pay for.**

Sec. 6. (1) The interstate advisory health care commission is established.

The commission shall not act unless a majority of the members are present, and no action shall be binding unless approved by a majority of the commission's total membership.

(5) The commission **shall be funded** by the member states as agreed to by the member states.

The **preliminary** estimate of member state base funding level for the state of Michigan is \$29,466,000,000.00.

The Compact advances the notion of government control over health care. **The HCC simply changes one form of government control over the American health care system (federal control) in favor of another (state control).**

Thank You
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