Fifth Circuit decision in Texas v. United States continues uncertainty for employers

Final resolution on ACA constitutionality still seems far away

WASHINGTON, DC – “Today’s decision sending the case back to the district court means the future of the system under which most Americans get health coverage remains uncertain. It will likely be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court many months or even years down the road,” American Benefits Council President James A. Klein said today in response to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in Texas v. United States.

“Certainty is what employers and their workers need most. On both substance and process, the appellate court’s nuanced decision precludes a quick resolution,” Klein said.

“No matter the ultimate disposition of this case, we urge lawmakers to continue building on the employer-sponsored system by strengthening ERISA’s federal framework, reducing administrative burdens, pursuing policies that align cost and quality, and stabilizing the individual market,” Klein said.

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