The American Benefits Council will hold a Benefits Briefing webinar on Thursday, February 7, at 2 p.m. Eastern Time to discuss the ongoing legal challenge in the federal lawsuit in Texas concerning the legality and constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). In late 2018, Judge Reed O’Connor of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas held the entire ACA unconstitutional after concluding that the individual mandate was invalid and inseverable from the rest of the ACA.

In this webinar, moderator Kathryn Wilber, the Council’s senior counsel, health policy, will be joined by Anthony F. Shelley and Erin Sweeney of Miller & Chevalier, Chartered, who will review the court’s decision, the subsequent ruling to suspend or stay the decision pending appeal, and the issues the decision and stay raise, including a deeper dive into “congressionally inflicted” injury, severability, the Commerce Clause, the federal taxing power and – the perennial favorite -- standing. The webinar will then analyze the potential implications of the court’s ruling for employers, the prospects on appeal, and the ACA’s status pending appeal.

We will solicit feedback and take questions from webinar participants throughout the session. Members are encouraged to submit questions for the webinar in advance.

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