

# Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address July 12, 2013

## “Delays in the Affordable Care Act”

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Hello, this is your congressman, Michael Burgess. I spent my life in health care, and I know to achieve a correct treatment plan, you have to start with an accurate diagnosis. You have to review the history and evaluate the relevant symptoms, and symptoms can sometimes be confusing or appear conflicted.

Last week, the president’s troubled takeover of American health care revealed a startling new symptom—the reporting requirements for businesses were to be delayed for one year. So in effect, the parts of the Affordable Care Act where small businesses must show their employees had health coverage, that’s now put off for a year.

But part of that requirement of businesses reporting was that federal agencies would now have information about individuals and their coverage, so assignments could be made for federal help in the purchase of a health policy, important if you are trying to give people a subsidy to buy insurance.

So, what to do? How can the government give money to deserving people if they have no data? Well here is what the agency did; they said we would all be on the honor system when it comes to reporting salary and benefits. Sound like a good idea to you? What can possibly go wrong?

Well, one year later all of these reporting requirements will reemerge and if someone took more than they should have, they will have to pay it back. Does this start to sound like a problem to you?

It is clear that the delays within the Affordable Care act prove that this law is not only unsustainable and unreliable, but it will keep increasing costs and complicate the implementation of other parts of the law.

As your Congressman, I will continue to challenge the assumption that government knows best. I believe that instead of forcing Americans to take expensive health insurance, we should be challenging insurance companies to create innovative and affordable health plans that Americans actually want. This will provide more clarity and in the end, more assurance.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. For more information on legislative issues before the United States Congress please visit my website [burgess.house.gov](http://burgess.house.gov). May God bless you and your family and as always may God bless Texas.