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Four Vorys Attorneys Quoted in News Stories About U.S. Supreme Court Affordable Care Act Decision

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Matthew Albers, G. Ross Bridgman, Jolie Havens and Linda Mendel were quoted in news stories about the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to largely uphold the Affordable Care Act.

Albers was quoted in a *Modern Medicine* story titled "Affordable Care Act upheld; urologists concerned about 'key aspects' of law." The story states:

"The Supreme Court's ruling could trigger additional momentum for creating new patient-centric models similar to accountable care organizations and patient-centered medical homes. Such models are believed to help reinvigorate the role of primary care as gatekeeper and offer new incentives to reduce health care costs.

That may prove beneficial to primary care physicians and specialists alike, said Matthew Albers, JD, a health law attorney with the Cleveland law firm Vorys, Sater, Seymour, and Pease LLP.

'I don't think most specialists believe, nor do they have any indication to believe, that there will be huge decrease in demand for their services,' he said. '[The PPACA] might be perceived by all doctors as recognition that incentivizing... physician coordination is an appropriate way to maintain better outcomes and achieve better costs.'

To read the entire story, visit the *Modern Medicine* [website](#).

Havens and Mendel were quoted in a *Columbus Business First* story titled "Mad scramble starts for employers to meet 2014 health reform mandates." The story states:

"Mendel and Jolie Havens, in Vorys' health care group, said even what sounds simple in the law will require a lot of computer programming

to capture the right data. If employers with more than 50 full-time employees must offer coverage, how does a business with seasonal and flexible schedules – like retail or restaurants – determine who's full-time? What if the list is different month-to-month? Then they must determine if the coverage is deemed affordable, defined in the law as the percentage of out-of-pocket costs compared to income – but the regulators haven't said if that's based on the premiums for single or family coverage. If an employee buys insurance on an exchange, how does the government determine if the employer must then pay a penalty? And so on."

To read the entire story, visit the *Columbus Business First* [website](#).

Bridgman was quoted in a Dayton Daily News story titled "Ohio faces Medicaid decision after health care ruling." The story states:

"Under the Affordable Care Act, the federal government would cover the cost of expanding Medicaid for the first three years and then dial back its share to 90 percent and have states pick up 10 percent of the cost.

Despite the federal match, Ohio will have to assess the costs and benefits, said Ross Bridgman, a health care policy attorney with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease. 'This is not a no-brainer. This is going to be a fundamental policy decision, not just for Ohio but all the states,' he said."

To read the entire story, visit the *Dayton Daily News* [website](#).