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Alert: US Supreme Court upholds Affordable Care Act

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The US Supreme Court on June 28 upheld the 2010 Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Court ruled that a core provision of the healthcare law — the requirement that every American have health insurance — is constitutional since the Court considers it to be a tax.

The ACA could still be repealed, revised or defunded by a new administration. Despite the political uncertainty, this ruling instills a sense of urgency for an industry that represents nearly one-fifth of the US economy. Across the healthcare sector and beyond, implementation deadlines that once seemed far off now rapidly approach.

The PwC publication [*Implications of the US Supreme Court ruling on healthcare*](#) briefly outlines the implications for hospitals and healthcare providers, insurers, pharmaceutical companies, and employers from every sector. In particular, directors may wish to focus on the "Path forward" sections that are relevant to their companies. They outline what to **act** on, what to **assess** and what to **stop** doing.

Worth reading

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Affordable Care Act's impact on the boardroom

Attorneys offer advice on next steps for healthcare-related company boards.

- *Corporate Board Member*

Health Reform: Prospering in a post-reform world

A 2010 report explained the potential effect of the new healthcare law.

- *PwC's Health Research Institute*

PwC video

In *PwC Conversation: The impact in health industries*, Kelly Barnes, US Health Industries Leader, says it's "game on" in the marketplace following the Supreme Court decision. To watch, click [here](#).

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