

## Supreme Court Determined there was No Legal Right to Sue

On June 17, 2021, the U.S. Supreme Court [rejected](#) a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) individual mandate in a 7-2 ruling.

This lawsuit was filed in 2018 by 18 states as a result of the 2017 tax reform law that eliminates the individual mandate penalty. In 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the ACA on the basis that the individual mandate is a valid tax. With the penalty's elimination, the appeals court in this case determined that the individual mandate is no longer valid under the U.S. Constitution.

The Supreme Court determined that the plaintiffs in this case did not have a legal right to sue. **As a result, the ACA as it exists today will remain in place.** The Court did not make any determinations on any other issue in the case, including the validity of the individual mandate or whether the rest of the ACA can be severed from the individual mandate provision. However, this case is now concluded.