

# Compliance Alert

## Supreme Court to Hear Arguments on Legal Challenges to the Affordable Care Act Alert Date: 11/14/2011

On Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, the Supreme Court announced it will hear arguments on legal challenges to the Affordable Care Act. In the announcement, the court said it will consider the following questions involving the individual mandate:

- Is the "individual mandate" constitutional?
- If the individual mandate is struck down, is the entire law unconstitutional?
- Should the decision be put off until 2015? (There is an argument that the case is not valid until taxpayers are actually required to pay a penalty.)

And on a separate issue:

- Can the Federal government force states to pay extra costs related to expanding Medicaid?

Arguments in the case will be heard in March 2012 with a decision expected in June.

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