

# Supreme Court Expected to "Diagnose" the Affordable Care Act in June

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The Supreme Court heard oral arguments last week regarding the constitutionality of the individual mandate portion of the Affordable Care Act. The arguments lasted for three days and were everything from contentious to interesting and at times very entertaining. On the final day, the Justices heard arguments debating whether the individual mandate could be severed from the remainder of the Affordable Care Act, or whether the entire Act would be voided if the individual mandate were held to be unconstitutional. As expected, based on the comments and the questions asked by the Justices, it appears that this issue will be decided by one or two votes. Once the Supreme Court releases its opinion, which is expected in June, we will provide additional information regarding its impact on employers and health plans.



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