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## Joseph H. (J.H.) Brewer

Joseph H. Brewer, better known as J.H. was born February 8, 1936 in Jackson County and departed this life Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at the Hometown Manor in Georgetown, being 82 years of age. He was the son of the late Sam & Gracie (Maupin) Brewer.

J.H. is survived by three sons, Joe Brewer and his wife Charline of Lafollette, TN, Paul Brewer and his wife Karen of Florida and Ronnie Brewer of Georgetown. He is also survived by a

sister, Mary Jane Winstead Jones of Berea and by two brothers, Sammie Brewer Jr. and his wife Shirley of Irvine and Lloyd Brewer of Florida. J.H. was blessed with six grandchildren, Austin, Aaron & Michael Brewer, Christine Carroll, Stephanie Bolton and Cody Pebley.

In addition to his parents, J.H. was also preceded in death by his wife, Ella Mae (Sparks) Brewer; by a sister, Olga Allen and by six brothers, Dewey, Clifton, Lewis, Cecil, Clyde and Billy Paul Brewer.

Funeral service 11:00 AM Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Tom Byrd officiating. Burial to follow in the Birch Lick Cemetery.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Bertha Ann Neeley

Bertha Ann Neeley was born August 27, 1948 in Jackson County and departed this life Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at her residence, being 70 years old. She was the daughter of the late Charlie & Martha (Weaver) Smith.

Bertha is survived by her husband, Frank Neeley of McKee and by two sons, Patrick (Laura) Neeley of McKee and William (Jamie) Neeley of London. She is also survived by a brother, Charles (Josephine) Smith Jr. of McKee and by three sisters, Martha Joan (Gerald) Gamble of McKee, Mary Alice Smith and Bessie Louise Smith both of Richmond. Bertha was blessed with one grandson, William "Billy" Neeley and also by Billy's friends, Daniel Hatton, Emily Kozel, Noah Gabbard, Josh Sparks, Cody Sparks and D. J. Evans, who she claimed as her own grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Bertha was also preceded in death by her siblings, Owen Smith, William Henry Smith, Johnnie Smith, David "Bub" Smith, Eva Marie Adkins and Carolyn Sue Smith.

Funeral service 2:00 PM Saturday, December 15, 2018 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. John Harris & Bro. Shane Gabbard officiating. Burial to follow in the Neeley Family Cemetery.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Freda Elizabeth Van Winkle

Freda Elizabeth Van Winkle was born July 20, 1948 in Jackson County and departed this life December 12, 2018 at her residence, being 70 years of age. She was the daughter of the late Calloway & Mallie (England) Isaacs.

Freda is survived by six children, Ronald (Erin) Bowman of Berea, Donald (Patty) Bowman of McKee, David (Sarah) Bowman of McKee, Doris (Mark) Combs of Richmond, Sherry (Randy) Kates of Berea and Donna (Kenny) Mitchell of Berea. She is also survived by two brothers, Clarence (Gwendolyn) Isaacs of McKee, David (Sudie) Isaacs of Berea and by three sisters, Dora (John) Gross of McKee, Mabel Baxter of McKee and Frankie (Bill) Alexander of Berea. Freda was blessed with the following grandchildren, Nathan & Ashley Vaughn, Jennifer Tillery, Carman McDonald, Josh & Dylan Ingram, Malieah & Cori Bowman, Ragan & Rylee Bowman and Jennifer & Jessica Gabbard and by the following great grandchildren, Justin & Brittney Tillery, Leah Mitchell, Malieah & Jayden Sanchez, Carson & Caleb Ingram.

In addition to her parents, Freda was also preceded in death by her husband, Darrell Van Winkle and by three brothers, Herbert, Hubert Isaacs & Calloway Isaacs.

Funeral service 2:00 PM Sunday, December 16, 2018 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. John Gross officiating. Burial to follow in the T.M. Lakes Cemetery.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



# Beshear to Challenge Texas Ruling Threatening Health Care Coverage for Over 1.3 Million Kentuckians

Texas federal judge's Dec. 14 ruling would eliminate Expanded Medicaid, coverage for children under 26, charge seniors, women more

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 17, 2018) – Attorney General Andy Beshear announced today that he will oppose a federal judge's Dec. 14 ruling that would eliminate the ACA in Kentucky, stripping away key benefits for people with pre-existing conditions, eliminating seniors' prescription drug discounts and allowing companies to charge women and seniors more for their coverage.

Beshear and a group of attorneys general have been battling the federal case – Texas et al. v. United States, et al – over the last year to protect health care nationwide. United States District Judge Reed O'Connor ruled Dec. 14 that the ACA is unconstitutional because recent federal action eliminated the measure's penalty for failing to purchase health insurance – known as the individual mandate.

Beshear said the ruling will have devastating effects on Kentucky, and could impact the health care of over 1.3 million Kentuckians.

"This ruling would immediately eliminate coverage for 500,000 Kentuckians on Expanded Medicaid, and on the private insurance side would return Kentucky to a time when insurance companies could simply refuse coverage for Kentuckians based on pre-existing conditions, age and even gender," Beshear said. "With Kentuckians facing so many needs, we cannot allow a Texas court to strip coverage away from our Kentucky families."

Beshear identified 10 key harms to Kentuckians if the ruling is not overturned:

No mandatory coverage for preexisting conditions. It's estimated that 50 percent of Kentuckians under the age of 65 suffer from a pre-existing condition. Insurance companies would be able to deny coverage to all of these individuals, and, Beshear said, "cancel coverage when a Kentuckian gets sick."

Elimination of Expanded Medicaid. The ruling would wipe out Medicaid expansion entirely, which has provided coverage to more than 500,000 Kentuckians. "These families would lose coverage, and the state would lose nearly \$50 billion in funding, which cycles through Kentucky's economy, resulting in a loss of tens of thousands of health care and related jobs," Beshear said.

Children under the age of 26 would not be able to remain on their parents' insurance plans. The ACA requires insurance companies to let children under the age of 26 remain on their parents' insurance plans. Those protections would be gone, leaving Kentucky families at risk. This provision is among the most popular in the law, Beshear said, because "it allows parents to cover their children during their college and early working years."

Seniors would have to pay more for prescription drugs. The ACA closed the so-called "donut hole" or coverage gap in Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage over time. Without the ACA, seniors would be forced to incur thousands of dollars in additional prescription drug costs.

Women would once again be charged more than men. The ACA eliminated gender discrimination in health care. Without the ACA, insurance companies can charge women more than they can charge men for health care, solely based on their gender.

Guaranteed pregnancy coverage would be eliminated. Before the ACA, Beshear said it was virtually impossible to access quality pregnancy coverage in the private market. "Insurers would charge astronomical sums for special, separate policies that imposed lengthy waiting periods before they even went into effect," he said. "The result was that women didn't get vital prenatal care, and their babies were more likely to be born too early and suffer from preventable complications."

Substance Use Disorder Treatment would no longer be a required benefit. The ACA has been a vital tool to help Kentucky fight the opioid epidemic because the law requires insurance plans to cover substance abuse treatment on par with other services. The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky reported a 740 percent increase in substance abuse services for Medicaid expansion beneficiaries, and a 400 percent increase in the number of Kentuckians with traditional Medicaid receiving substance abuse treatment from 2014 to 2016.

Rural hospitals would suffer. Studies have repeatedly shown that rural hospitals are more likely to close in states that have not expanded Medicaid. Kentucky hospitals have received billions from Medicaid expansion, and without that critical funding, Beshear said many would find themselves in dire financial straits, jeopardizing thousands of good-paying jobs in the neediest areas of the state.

Children would lose access to no-cost immunizations and well-child visits. The ACA guarantees that parents can ensure their children receive life-saving immunizations free of charge. Those protections would be gone, and parents would have to pay staggeringly high sums for vaccines once again, Beshear said.

Older Kentuckians would be charged vastly more than younger ones. The ACA guarantees that older Kentuckians can never be charged more than three times as much as younger ones for health insurance. Those protections would be eliminated, making it virtually certain that insurance costs for older Kentuckians, particularly those in the 55-64 age range, would skyrocket, Beshear said, "making insurance essentially unavailable to older hard-working Kentuckians whose jobs don't provide it."

Beshear said health care is vital for Kentuckians in a state that leads the nation in many types of cancer. The ACA provides access to colon cancer screenings, mammograms and other vital cancer detections, and without them, Beshear said, the lives of Kentuckians would be put at risk.

"Kentuckians who face numerous health issues are beginning to move the needle on their personal health and the state's overall well-being through these screenings that have provided lifesaving measures for thousands of Kentuckians," Beshear said. "To do away with these, is this the fate we want for our people?"

Beshear is joined by attorneys general in California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

The parties seeking to dismantle the ACA include attorneys general in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin and governors of Maine and Mississippi.

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