

# Speaker Ryan: Statement on Trump administration's decision regarding Obamacare payments

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**WASHINGTON**—House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) issued the following statement regarding the Trump administration's determination that certain payments under Obamacare have no valid appropriation:

*"Under our Constitution, the power of the purse belongs to Congress, not the executive branch. It was in defense of this foundational principle that the House, under the leadership of former speaker John Boehner, voted in 2014 to challenge the constitutionality of spending by the Obama administration that was never approved by Congress. The House was validated last year when a federal court ruled that the Obama administration had indeed been making unauthorized and therefore illegal payments through Obamacare. Today's decision by the Trump administration to end the appeal of that ruling preserves a monumental affirmation of Congress's authority and the separation of powers. Obamacare has proven itself to be a fatally flawed law, and the House will continue to work with Trump administration to provide the American people a better system."*