

Supreme Court Hears Oral Arguments on the Constitutionality of the Individual Mandate under Health Reform

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On March 26th through the 28th, the Supreme Court heard six hours of oral argument on cases addressing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the "Act"), the longest scheduled argument in the Court's modern history. The oral argument included challenges to the constitutionality of the Act's individual mandate. On day one, the Court heard argument on whether the case is ripe for consideration. On day two, the oral argument focused on whether the individual mandate in the Act violates the Commerce Clause of the Constitution. On day three, the Court heard argument regarding whether the individual mandate is severable from the entire Act. The Court's decision is expected in June 2012. Links to audio of the oral argument and the transcripts can be found [here](#) on the Court's Affordable Care Act website.