

## **Medical device tax: Conservatives launch Independence Day offensive**

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Conservative writers and industry advocates launch an anti-med-tech tax offensive on the nation's birthday, dubbing the Affordable Care Act the "Obamatax."



Conservative writers and med-tech industry advocates took the opportunity during the national holiday to reiterate grievances about the medical device tax contained in President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act.

A trio of articles released yesterday lambasted the tax as "destructive" "smothering," with conservative tax-reform activist Grover Norquist dubbing healthcare reform the "Obamatax."

"Obamacare was supposed to reduce the cost of health insurance but it has 6 taxes on Americans who already have health insurance," Norquist wrote. "Obamacare was supposed to "bend the cost curve down" but it has a tax on medical devices."

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