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Missouri Representative Going to Court Over Healthcare Requirements

(AP) - A Missouri House member and his wife are going to court over what they say is a requirement that their group health insurance include coverage for contraception.

The Thomas More Society filed a federal lawsuit in St. Louis on Wednesday on behalf of Paul and Teresa Wieland (WEYE'-lehnd). Paul Wieland is a Republican from Imperial.

According to court documents, the family previously opted out of coverage for contraceptives, sterilization or abortifacients. The lawsuit contends the Wielands have been told their coverage must now include contraception and sterilization because of the federal health care law.

The Wielands contend their religious, free speech and parental rights have been violated. The lawsuit seeks a declaratory judgment and an injunction.

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