

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's decision this month on President Obama's health care law is likely to take one of four basic forms. No matter what the court rules, however, it won't be the last word.

Still to come: State actions. More lawsuits. The verdict from voters on Nov. 6. And more battles in Congress next year.

"The bottom line here is the Affordable Care Act is moving through a gantlet," says Robert Laszewski, a private health policy consultant. "The first stop in the gantlet was the Supreme Court. The second stop in the gantlet is the election."

Here are four scenarios:

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