



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

Statement of the [Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities](#) on
Passage of the American Health Care Act (AHCA).

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Washington DC, May 4, 2017 - The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), the country's largest coalition of national disability groups, is gravely concerned about the House of Representative's passage of the American health Care Act. The AHCA will harm tens of millions in the United States, but especially people with disabilities who will face coverage loss, higher costs, and fewer options.

The AHCA passed by the House no longer guarantees affordable coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions, including people with disabilities, and permits states to return to imposing lifetime and annual limits on coverage. The AHCA also includes a devastating \$840 billion in cuts to Medicaid – the program that people with disabilities and seniors rely on for critical services that help them live in the community -- and sets permanent caps on Medicaid spending totally unrelated to people's actual health care needs. These huge cuts and caps would eventually put pressure on states to cut Medicaid services, especially Home and Community Based Services like personal care services and rehabilitation and habilitation therapies. The AHCA may force people with disabilities from their homes and communities into more expensive, unwanted, and unnecessary institutional care. The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities will continue to oppose this harmful bill, and we urge the Senate to reject this callous bill and instead work to strengthen the Affordable Care Act.

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is a broad coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the education, self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.

For more information about how the bill will impact people with disabilities or to get in touch with people with disabilities that are directly impacted, please contact the [Health Task Force](#) or [Long Term Services and Supports Task Force](#) co-chairs.

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