

FAQ on Digital Advocacy

Urge Elected Officials to Advance Solutions that Ensure Health Care Coverage for All Americans

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Urge Elected Officials to Advance Solutions that Protect Affordable Coverage for All Americans and Stabilize the Health Insurance Marketplace

There is a need for improvement to our current health care system. However, the American Health Care Act (AHCA) is not the answer to advancing solutions that best protect affordable health care coverage for all. Although it is now being considered in the U.S. Senate, according to the results of several polls, the majority of Americans do not support the current AHCA that passed the U.S. House of Representatives in early May 2017.

Furthermore, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate released in late May 2017, the AHCA will significantly increase the number of people without insurance, with 14 million individuals losing coverage in 2018, and 23 million people losing coverage by 2026. Moreover, the CBO concludes that the bill's modifications to the ACA's current insurance plan requirements would result in premium increases that would disproportionately impact the patient populations that need care the most, such as people with pre-existing medical conditions and older Americans. These changes will have harmful consequences on the health and welfare of us all, and will impact the financial sustainability of health care providers and their roles in communities across the nation.



Trinity Health has been a steadfast advocate for policies that provide access to health care and adequate health insurance coverage, and the [AHCA does not advance these goals](#). If passed in the Senate, the House bill (AHCA) would decrease the number of people with health care coverage, remove billions from the Medicaid program forcing states to eliminate coverage for the most vulnerable, and erode crucial insurance protections.

What are you asking me to do?

Because we have an eAdvocacy system, you can directly [EMAIL](#) elected officials to let your voice be heard. **You can complete the entire process within a few minutes and clicks of the mouse.**

The Process...When filling out the relevant information about yourself—including your home address—and hitting submit, you will be taken to the Take Action Center where you will be provided an email message already prepared for you. Please note that when sending a letter, you can review, personalize and finalize the email copy prior to your submission. Please add any personal or professional details you feel would enhance the letter to your elected officials.

Do my messages really matter?

Elected officials pay close attention to communications from constituents (yes, you!). Your messages educate your elected officials about the issues and explain why you feel he/she should take action. As one of many similar contacts from others across the country, it can greatly impact the way legislators choose to act. We elect the government that makes the rules and regulations under which we all live and work. **Let your voice be heard, lead the way and take action today.**

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Why is this important?

The debate concerning how affordable health care coverage is provided to Americans is now being considered in the Senate. As the Senate debates its next steps, it should prioritize stabilization of the health insurance marketplace as well as protecting the coverage gains that have been achieved.

Currently, we know millions of Americans will be at risk of losing access to health care services if real solutions are not found. Access to health care coverage is a fundamental human right, but people also need affordable insurance to use the health care system most effectively, leading to increased provider and payer accountability, lower costs, a healthier population and a more vibrant economy.

The AHCA violates the [essential elements we have established for evaluating health care reform](#). In addition to not advancing affordable, secure and high-functioning health care coverage, the AHCA undermines our nation's ability to build beneficial delivery and payment system reform. For these reasons, you are encouraged to ask your elected officials to join their colleagues in both the Congress and the Administration in the development of an alternative plan for stabilizing or replacing portions of the ACA without harming the coverage and transformation gains that have been already achieved.

It is crucial to let your elected officials know that the AHCA in its current form will cause undue harm to our nation's health care system and those who rely on it. Please take a moment to [EMAIL](#) your elected officials and urge them to support legislation that advances solutions that ensures affordable coverage for all Americans.

What Else Can I do?

Once you've taken action, please take the opportunity to share your views via email and social media. There are links within the Take Action engagement that require just a few clicks to advance to your network of friends and family. You can also follow Trinity Health's social media channels, including [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#), where you can easily share important engagement opportunities as well. Working together, we can make a difference and ensure access to health care coverage for all.



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