



WASHINGTON BUREAU · NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
1156 15TH STREET, NW SUITE 915 · WASHINGTON, DC 20005 · P (202) 463-2940 · F (202) 463-2953
E-MAIL: WASHINGTONBUREAU@NAACPNET.ORG · WEB ADDRESS WWW.NAACP.ORG

ISSUE UPDATE / ACTION ALERT

SEE HOW EACH
HOUSE
MEMBER
VOTED,
PAGES 4 - 6

DATE: May 5, 2017
TO: Concerned Parties
FROM: Hilary O. Shelton, Director, Washington Bureau

U.S. HOUSE “TRUMPCARE” LEGISLATION TO REPEAL NAACP-SUPPORTED HEALTH CARE LAW PASSES 217 – 213

*URGE BOTH YOUR US SENATORS TO OPPOSE THE BILL THAT WOULD STRIP
HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FROM MORE THAN 20 MILLION AMERICANS
AND INCREASE THE COST FOR THOSE WHO CAN KEEP THEIR INSURANCE BY
NEARLY \$4,000 EACH YEAR FOR LESS COVERAGE*

THE ISSUE

On May 4, 2017, the U.S. House of Representatives voted by a margin of 217 yeas – 213 nays to pass the mis-named *American Health Care Act*, H.R. 1628, which repeals the *Affordable Care Act* (a.k.a. “ACA” or “Obamacare”); eliminates all federal funding for Planned Parenthood Clinics throughout the U.S.; reduces special education services in schools; and cuts federal spending on Medicaid by over \$800 billion, or almost 25% less than under current law. This last element is especially cruel and will deprive millions of Americans, especially low- and middle-income, seniors, children, parents, and people with disabilities from receiving the health care they need and deserve. Perhaps the cruelest twist of this bill is that it will use most of the \$1 trillion over ten years which would have gone to provide health care and health coverage to low- and middle-income Americans to provide tax cuts for the wealthiest among us.

As a result of the bill which passed the House, more than 20 million Americans will lose their health insurance; millions more will pay an average of almost \$4,000 more each year for less coverage. Furthermore, the version of H.R. 1628 which passed also sharply weakens protections for people with pre-existing conditions; eliminates the national requirement that health plans cover basic benefits like prescription drugs, mental health treatment, and maternity care; and allows employers and insurers to again impose lifetime limits on coverage for important services for most people covered by employer-based health care plans. Instead of spending money on health care and coverage for low- and middle-income Americans, the legislation provides tax cuts to people who make more than \$1 million a year. And the wealthiest 400 Americans — whose average incomes exceed \$300 million a year — would get an average tax cut of \$7 million a year each.

The bill which passed the House now moves to the Senate, which has indicated that it will not even begin to consider the proposal until the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) issues its analysis of the bill. An earlier CBO analysis of the bill indicated that as many as 24 million Americans would lose health care coverage under the legislation, but the CBO did not have sufficient time to update that analysis since amendments were made to the bill to secure enough votes needed to support passage.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act and the expansion of Medicaid, tens of millions of people gained access to affordable health care, especially those with low- and moderate-incomes; pre-existing conditions; seniors; people with disabilities; and people of color. A repeal of the ACA would be particularly bad for African Americans. Under the ACA, the uninsured rate for African American adults was cut by almost half between 2010 and 2015, from 27 percent uninsured to 14.5 percent uninsured. Furthermore, thanks to the ACA, the inequity in uninsured rates for African American and White children was completely eliminated. For the first time in history, a Black child is no longer more likely to be uninsured than a White child.

MEMBERSHIP IS POWER! JOIN THE NAACP TODAY.

For more information, call your local NAACP branch or visit www.naacp.org

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Contact both your Senators and **URGE THEM TO REJECT THE NEW HEALTH CARE PROPOSAL; VOTE "NO" ON THE AHCA.** To contact your Senators, you may:

✓ **Make a Phone Call:**

Call your Senators in Washington by dialing the Capitol Switchboard and asking to be transferred to your Senators'/Congressman's offices. The switchboard phone number is **(202) 224-3121** (see message section, below).

✓ **Write a Letter**

To write letters to your Senators, send them to:
The Honorable (name of Senator)
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510



✓ **Send a Fax**

If you would like to send a fax, call your Senators' or Representative's offices (through the Capitol switchboard) and ask for their fax numbers (you can use either the attached sample letter or the message box, below).

✓ **Send an E-Mail**

To send an e-mail to your Senators, simply go to www.senate.gov, and click on "Contacting the Senate"; you can look your Senators up either alphabetically or by state.

REMEMBER TOACT BOTH YOUR SENATORS!!!!

THE MESSAGE:

- The American Health Care Act (AHCA), which is being promoted as a "replacement" for current law, (Obamacare), would in fact reverse much of the progress we have made over the last seven years: it would make coverage less available and less affordable for virtually all age and income groups;
- The current bill would cause over 20 million Americans to lose their health care coverage and would increase the cost for those who could keep their coverage by nearly \$4,000 a year for less coverage;
- As passed by the House, the AHCA sharply weakens the protections for people with pre-existing conditions; eliminates the national requirement that health plans cover basic benefits like prescription drugs, mental health treatment, and maternity care; and allows employers and insurers to again impose lifetime limits on coverage for important services for most people covered by employer-based health care plans;
- The bill would redirect the money away from health care coverage for those who need it most (seniors, children, parents, low- and middle income Americans, people with disabilities) and use it to provide tax breaks for millionaires and multi-millionaires.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS IMPORTANT MATTER!!!

If you have any questions, call Hilary Shelton at the Washington Bureau at (202) 463-2940

(date)

Sample Letter

The Honorable _____
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: REJECT THE NEW HEALTH CARE PROPOSAL, THE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT

Dear Senator _____:

As your constituent, I strongly urge you to oppose, work against, and vote “no” on the *American Health Care Act* (“AHCA”), H.R. 1628 as it passed the U.S. House. The AHCA, which is being promoted as a “replacement” for current law, (Obamacare), would in fact reverse much of the progress we have made over the last seven years: it would make coverage less available and less affordable for virtually all age and income groups.

As it passed the US House, the current bill would cause over 20 million Americans to lose their health care coverage and would increase the cost for those who could keep their coverage by nearly \$4,000 a year for less coverage. Furthermore, it sharply weakens the protections for people with pre-existing conditions; eliminates the national requirement that health plans cover basic benefits like prescription drugs, mental health treatment, and maternity care; and allows employers and insurers to again impose lifetime limits on coverage for important services for most people covered by employer-based health care plans. Perhaps the cruelest twist of this plan, however, is that it takes health care away from those who may truly need it and instead redirects the money to provide tax breaks for millionaires and multi-millionaires.

I again urge you, in the strongest terms possible, to reject the AHCA. We should instead be turning our energies on fixing current law, to make it so that more people have better health care, regardless of what they look like, where they live, or their station in life. Please contact me soon and let me know what you intend to do and where your priorities are.

Sincerely,

(sign and print your name, and be sure to include your address)

***Remember to contact
BOTH your Senators.***

H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act / Final Passage / House vote #256

Vote on final passage of legislation to repeal the 2010 *Affordable Care Act*; eliminate all federal funding for Planned Parenthood Clinics throughout the U.S.; reduce special education services in schools; and cut federal spending on Medicaid by over \$800 billion, or almost 25% less than under current law.

H.R. 1628 passed on May 4, 2017, by a margin of 217 yeas to 213 nays.

THE NAACP OPPOSED THE LEGISLATION

▲ = voted in support of the NAACP position and against the bill ▼ = voted against the NAACP position and in favor of the bill
 ? = did not vote V = seat was vacant

ALABAMA		16	Costa	▲	3	Tipton	▼	GEORGIA			
1	Byrne	▼	17	Khanna	▲	4	Buck	▼	1	Carter, Earl	▼
2	Roby	▼	18	Eshoo	▲	5	Lamborn	▼	2	Bishop, Sanford	▲
3	Rogers, Mike	▼	19	Lofgren	▲	6	Coffman	▲	3	Ferguson	▼
4	Aderholt	▼	20	Panetta	▲	7	Perlmutter	▲	4	Johnson, Hank	▲
5	Brooks, Mo	▼	21	Valadao	▼	CONNECTICUT		□	5	Lewis, John	▲
6	Palmer	▼	22	Nunes	▼	1	Larson, John	▲	6	VACANT	▼
7	Sewell	▲	23	McCarthy	▼	2	Courtney	▲	7	Woodall	▼
ALASKA		24	Carbajal	▲	3	DeLauro	▲	8	Scott, Austin	▼	
AL	Young, Don	▼	25	Knight	▼	4	Himes	▲	9	Collins, Doug	▼
ARIZONA		26	Brownley	▲	5	Esty	▲	10	Hice	▼	
1	O'Halleran	▲	27	Chu	▲	DELAWARE		11	Loudermilk	▼	
2	McSally	▼	28	Schiff	▲	AL	Blunt Rochester	▲	12	Allen	▼
3	Grijalva	▲	29	Cárdenas	▲	FLORIDA		13	Scott, David	▲	
4	Gosar	▼	30	Sherman	▲	1	Gaetz	▼	14	Graves, Tom	▼
5	Biggs	▲	31	Aguilar	▲	2	Dunn	▼	HAWAII		
6	Schweikert	▼	32	Napolitano	▲	3	Yoho	▼	1	Hanabusa	▲
7	Gallego	▲	33	Lieu	▲	4	Rutherford	▼	2	Gabbard	▲
8	Franks	▼	34	VACANT	▼	5	Lawson	▲	IDAHO		
9	Simena	▲	35	Torres	▲	6	DeSantis	▼	1	Labrador	▼
ARKANSAS		36	Ruiz	▲	7	Murphy, Stephanie	▲	2	Simpson	▼	
1	Crawford	▼	37	Bass	▲	8	Posey	▼	ILLINOIS		
2	Hill	▼	38	Sánche	▲	9	Soto	▲	1	Rush	▲
3	Womack	▼	39	Royce	▼	10	Demings	▲	2	Kelly, Robin	▲
4	Westerman	▼	40	Roybal-Allard	▲	11	Webster	▼	3	Lipinski	▲
CALIFORNIA		41	Takano	▲	12	Bilirakis	▼	4	Gutierrez	▲	
1	LaMalfa	▼	42	Calvert	▼	13	Crist	▲	5	Quigley	▲
2	Huffman	▲	43	Waters	▲	14	Castor	▲	6	Roskam	▼
3	Garamendi	▲	44	Barragan	▲	15	Ross	▼	7	Davis, Danny	▲
4	McClintock	▼	45	Walters	▼	16	Buchanan	▼	8	Krishnamoorthi	▲
5	Thompson, Mike	▲	46	Correa	▲	17	Rooney, Tom	▼	9	Schakowsky	▲
6	Matsui	▲	47	Lowenthal	▲	18	Mast	▼	10	Schneider	▲
7	Bera	▲	48	Rohrabacher	▼	19	Rooney, Francis	▼	11	Foster	▲
8	Cook	▼	49	Issa	▼	20	Hastings	▲	12	Bost	▼
9	McNerney	▲	50	Hunter	▼	21	Frankel	▲	13	Davis, Rodney	▼
10	Denham	▼	51	Vargas	▲	22	Deutch	▲	14	Hultgren	▼
11	DeSaulnier	▲	52	Peters	▲	23	Wasserman Schultz	▲	15	Shimkus	▼
12	Pelosi	▲	53	Davis, Susan	▲	24	Wilson, Frederica	▲	16	Kinzinger	▼
13	Lee	▲	COLORADO		25	Diaz-Balart	▼	17	Bustos	▲	
14	Speier	▲	1	DeGette	▲	26	Curbelo	▼	18	LaHood	▼
15	Swalwell	▲	2	Polis	▲	27	Ros-Lehtinen	▲			

H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act / Final Passage / House vote #256

Vote on final passage of legislation to repeal the 2010 *Affordable Care Act*; eliminate all federal funding for Planned Parenthood Clinics throughout the U.S.; reduce special education services in schools; and cut federal spending on Medicaid by over \$800 billion, or almost 25% less than under current law.

H.R. 1628 passed on May 4, 2017, by a margin of 217 yeas to 213 nays.

THE NAACP OPPOSED THE LEGISLATION

▲ = voted in support of the NAACP position and against the bill
? = did not vote

▼ = voted against the NAACP position and in favor of the bill
V = seat was vacant

INDIANA		5	Hoyer	▲	MISSOURI		2	King, Peter	▼		
1	Visclosky	▲	6	Delaney	▲	1	Clay	▲	3	Suozzi	▲
2	Walorski	▼	7	Cummings	▲	2	Wagner	▼	4	Rice, Kathleen	▲
3	Banks	▼	8	Raskin	▲	3	Luetkemeyer	▼	5	Meeks	▲
4	Rokita	▼	MASSACHUSETTS		□	4	Hartzler	▼	6	Meng	▲
5	Brooks, Susan	▼	1	Neal	▲	5	Cleaver	▲	7	Velázquez	▲
6	Messer	▼	2	McGovern	▲	6	Graves, Sam	▼	8	Jeffries	▲
7	Carson	▲	3	Tsongas	▲	7	Long	▼	9	Clarke, Yvette	▲
8	Bucshon	▼	4	Kennedy	▲	8	Smith, Jason	▼	10	Nadler	▲
9	Hollingsworth	▼	5	Clark, Katherine	▲	MONTANA			11	Donovan	▲
IOWA			6	Moulton	▲	AL	VACANT	▼	12	Maloney, Carolyn	▲
1	Blum	▼	7	Capuano	▲	NEBRASKA			13	Espallat	▲
2	Loebsack	▲	8	Lynch	▲	1	Fortenberry	▼	14	Crowley	▲
3	Young, David	▼	9	Keating	▲	2	Bacon	▼	15	Serrano	▲
4	King, Steve	▼	MICHIGAN			3	Smith, Adrian	▼	16	Engel	▲
KANSAS			1	Bergman	▼	NEVADA			17	Lowey	▲
1	Marshall	▼	2	Huizenga	▼	1	Titus	▲	18	Maloney, Sean Patrick	▲
2	Jenkins, Lynn	▼	3	Amash	▼	2	Amodei	▼	19	Faso	▼
3	Yoder	▼	4	Moolenaar	▼	3	Rosem	▲	20	Tonko	▲
4	Estes	▼	5	Kildee	▲	4	Kihuen	▲	21	Stefanik	▼
KENTUCKY			6	Upton	▼	NEW HAMPSHIRE			22	Tenney	▼
1	Comer	▼	7	Walberg	▼	1	Shea-Porter	▲	23	Reed	▼
2	Guthrie	▼	8	Bishop, Mike	▼	2	Kuster	▲	24	Katko	▲
3	Yarmuth	▲	9	Levin	▲	NEW JERSEY			25	Slaughter	▲
4	Massie	▲		Mitchell	▼	1	Norcross	▲	26	Higgins, Brian	▲
5	Rogers, Harold	▼	11	Trott	▼	2	LoBiondo	▲	27	Collins, Chris	▼
6	Barr	▼	12	Dingell	▲	3	MacArthur	▼	NORTH CAROLINA		
LOUISIANA			13	Conyers	▲	4	Smith, Chris	▲	1	Butterfield	▲
1	Scalise	▼	14	Lawrence	▲	5	Gottheimer	▲	2	Holding	▼
2	Richmond	▲	MINNESOTA			6	Pallone	▲	3	Jones, Walter	▲
3	Higgins, Clay	▼	1	Walz	▲	7	Lance	▲	4	Price, David	▲
4	Johnson, Mike	▼	2	Lewis, Jason	▼	8	Sires	▲	5	Foxx	▼
5	Abraham	▼	3	Paulsen	▼	9	Pascrell	▲	6	Walker	▼
6	Graves, Garret	▼	4	McCollum	▲	10	Payne	▲	7	Rouzer	▼
MAINE			5	Ellison	▲	11	Frelinghuysen	▼	8	Hudson	▼
1	Pingree	▲	6	Emmer	▼	12	Watson Coleman	▲	9	Pittenger	▼
2	Poliquin	▼	7	Peterson	▲	NEW MEXICO			10	McHenry	▼
MARYLAND			8	Nolan	▲	1	Lujan Grisham	▲	11	Meadows	▼
1	Harris	▼	MISSISSIPPI			2	Pearce	▼	12	Adams, Alma	▲
2	Ruppersberger	▲	1	Kelly, Trent	▼	3	Luján	▲	13	Budd	▼
3	Sarbanes	▲	2	Thompson, Bennie	▲	NEW YORK			NORTH DAKOTA		
4	Brown, Anthony	▲	3	Harper	▼	1	Zeldin	▼	AL	Cramer	▼
			4	Palazzo	▼						

H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act / Final Passage / House vote #256

Vote on final passage of legislation to repeal the 2010 *Affordable Care Act*; eliminate all federal funding for Planned Parenthood Clinics throughout the U.S.; reduce special education services in schools; and cut federal spending on Medicaid by over \$800 billion, or almost 25% less than under current law.

H.R. 1628 passed on May 4, 2017, by a margin of 217 yeas to 213 nays.

THE NAACP OPPOSED THE LEGISLATION

▲ = voted in support of the NAACP position and against the bill
? = did not vote

▽ = voted against the NAACP position and in favor of the bill
V = seat was vacant

OHIO		13 Boyle ▲	13 Thornberry ▽	WASHINGTON	
1 Chabot ▽	14 Doyle ▲	14 Weber ▽	1 DelBene ▲		
2 Wenstrup ▽	15 Dent ▲	15 Gonzalez ▲	2 Larsen, Rick ▲		
3 Beatty ▲	16 Smucker ▽	16 O'Rourke ▲	3 Herrera Beutler ▲		
4 Jordan ▽	17 Cartwright ▲	17 Flores ▽	4 Newhouse ?		
5 Latta ▽	18 Murphy, Tim ▽	18 Jackson Lee ▲	5 McMorris Rodgers ▽		
6 Johnson, Bill ▽	RHODE ISLAND		6 Kilmer ▲		
7 Gibbs ▽	1 Cicilline ▲	19 Arrington ▽	7 Jayapal ▲		
8 Davidson ▽	2 Langevin ▲	20 Castro ▲	8 Reichert ▲		
9 Kaptur ▲	SOUTH CAROLINA		9 Smith, Adam ▲		
10 Turner ▲	1 Sanford ▽	21 Smith, Lamar ▽	10 Heck, Denny ▲		
11 Fudge ▲	2 Wilson, Joe ▽	22 Olson ▽	WEST VIRGINIA		
12 Tiberi ▽	3 Duncan, Jeff ▽	23 Hurd ▲	1 McKinley ▽		
13 Ryan, Tim ▲	4 Gowdy ▽	24 Marchant ▽	2 Mooney ▽		
14 Joyce ▲	5 VACANT □	25 Williams ▽	3 Jenkins, Evan ▽		
15 Stivers ▽	6 Clyburn ▲	26 Burgess ▽	WISCONSIN		
16 Renacci ▽	7 Rice, Tom ▽	27 Farenthold ▽	1 Ryan, Paul ▽		
OKLAHOMA		28 Cuellar ▲	2 Pocan ▲		
1 Bridenstine ▽	SOUTH DAKOTA		3 Kind ▲		
2 Mullin ▽	AL Noem ▽	TENNESSEE			
3 Lucas ▽	1 Roe ▽	32 Sessions ▽	4 Moore, Gwen ▲		
4 Cole ▽	2 Duncan, John Jr. ▽	33 Veasey ▲	5 Sensenbrenner ▽		
5 Russell ▽	3 Fleischmann ▽	34 Vela ▲	6 Grothman ▽		
OREGON		4 DesJarlais ▽	7 Duffy ▽		
1 Bonamici ▲	5 Cooper ▲	5 Green, Gene ▲	8 Gallagher ▽		
2 Walden ▽	6 Black ▽	30 Johnson, Eddie Bernice ▲	WYOMING		
3 Blumenauer ▲	7 Blackburn ▽	31 Carter, John ▽	AL Cheney ▽		
4 DeFazio ▲	8 Kustoff ▽	32 Sessions ▽			
5 Schrader ▲	9 Cohen ▲	33 Veasey ▲			
PENNSYLVANIA		34 Vela ▲			
1 Brady, Robert ▲	1 Gohmert ▽	35 Doggett ▲			
2 Evans ▲	2 Poe ▽	36 Babin ▽			
3 Kelly, Mike ▽	3 Johnson, Sam ▽	UTAH			
4 Perry ▽	4 Ratcliffe ▽	1 Bishop, Rob ▽	2 Stewart ▽		
5 Thompson, Glenn ▽	5 Hensarling ▽	2 Wittman ▽	3 Chaffetz ▽		
6 Costello ▲	6 Barton ▽	3 Love	4 Love ▽		
7 Meehan ▲	7 Culberson ▽	VERMONT			
8 Fitzpatrick ▲	8 Brady, Kevin ▽	AL Welch ▲			
9 Shuster ▽	9 Green, Al ▲	VIRGINIA			
10 Marino ▽	10 McCaul ▽	1 Wittman ▽	1 Wittman ▽		
11 Barletta ▽	11 Conaway ▽	2 Taylor ▽	2 Taylor ▽		
12 Rothfus ▽	12 Granger ▽	3 Scott, Robert ▲	3 Scott, Robert ▲		
		4 McEachin ▲	4 McEachin ▲		
		5 Garrett ▽	5 Garrett ▽		
		6 Goodlatte ▽	6 Goodlatte ▽		
		7 Brat ▽	7 Brat ▽		
		8 Beyer ▲	8 Beyer ▲		
		9 Griffith ▽	9 Griffith ▽		
		10 Comstock ▲	10 Comstock ▲		
		11 Connolly ▲	11 Connolly ▲		

