



To the New York State Congressional Delegation:

As a coalition of New York State consumers, health care and human service workers, providers and insurers, we have written to you several times regarding health care repeal efforts before Congress and their potentially devastating impact on millions of New Yorkers. Now that the Senate has released the draft of their bill, we are compelled to reach out once again.

While the Senate bill, unlike the House bill, does not allow insurers to discriminate on the basis of preexisting conditions, on other areas of concern it does not improve – and in some cases worsens – the negative impact on New Yorkers.

The Senate bill retains the American Health Care Act’s dramatic cuts to the Medicaid program through the proposed per capita cap, lowering the cap even further in the out years, and targets high-cost states like ours specifically for further reductions. It keeps the \$2.3 billion Federal cut imposed on New York alone. The magnitude of these reductions will inevitably lead to coverage restrictions and service reductions which will harm vulnerable New Yorkers, especially seniors and people with disabilities who need long term care services.

By eliminating the cost-sharing reduction payments in 2020, and pegging tax credits for consumers to the very low actuarial value Bronze Plan, the Senate bill will significantly reduce funding for our state’s Essential Plan, jeopardizing coverage for 700,000 low-income New Yorkers. These changes will also lead to higher prices in our state’s individual insurance market, especially for older New Yorkers. And the bill hits providers hard by imposing cuts at the same time as the number of uninsured people seeking care will rise.

We ask that you vote against this harmful legislation. Instead, the entire Congressional Delegation should fight for policies that:

- Ensure uninterrupted health insurance coverage for the 24 million Americans, including the 850,000 New Yorkers, who gained coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Do not harm New York State's budget and do not shortchange New York's Medicaid program by repealing the expansion under the ACA and profoundly restructuring it into a per capita cap program
- Protect the more than 700,000 New Yorkers who gained coverage under the ACA's Essential Plan
- Do not harm health care consumers and providers
- Maintain and improve our insurance markets for individuals, families, and small employers

We urge you to work together with your colleagues and New York's healthcare and human services community to advance policies that benefit your constituents. We stand ready to work with you on such an effort.

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Greater New York Hospital Association
Healthcare Association of New York State
Leading Age New York
Coalition of Provider Associations (COPA)
Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS (CP of NYS)
New York State Rehabilitation Association
NYS Association of Community and Residential Agencies (NYSACRA)
NYSARC
Community Healthcare Association of New York State
New York State Association of Health Care Providers
Home Care Association of New York State
Continuing Care Leadership Coalition
Greater New York Health Facilities Association
Medical Society of the State of New York
Community Service Society of New York
Medicare Rights Center
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New York Association on Independent Living
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