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**National Health Council Statement on the Department of Labor  
Association Health Plan Final Rule**

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The Department of Labor and Trump Administration have failed to keep their promise to people with preexisting conditions. Despite overwhelming outcry from the vast majority of the health care community, the Association Health Plan final rule will take people with chronic conditions and disabilities back to the days of unaffordable plans and even coverage denials. This administration must do more to ensure meaningful access to care for those who need it most.

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*Founded in 1920, the National Health Council (NHC) is the only organization that brings together all segments of the health community to provide a united voice for the more than 160 million people with chronic diseases and disabilities and their family caregivers. Made up of more than 125 diverse national health-related organizations and businesses, the NHC's core membership includes the nation's leading patient advocacy organizations, which control its governance and policy-making process. Other members include professional and membership associations; nonprofit organizations with an interest in health; and representatives from the pharmaceutical, generic drug, health insurance, device, and biotechnology industries. Learn more at: <http://www.nationalhealthcouncil.org>*