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National Health Council Statement on Withdrawal of the American Health Care Act in the House of Representatives

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The American Health Care Act (AHCA) was bad policy, bad for people, and especially bad for people with chronic diseases and disabilities. The AHCA would have negatively impacted affordability and cut access to care for millions. As it contemplates health care reform, Congress needs to put patients first by limiting out-of-pocket costs and by protecting financial assistance, essential health benefits, annual and lifetime caps, and the existing Medicaid program.

The National Health Council and the patient advocacy community that represent the 133 million Americans with chronic diseases and disabilities are united in protecting patient access to affordable health care. We look forward to continuing our work with Congress to provide affordable access while putting patients first.

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For additional information on NHC health reform resources, visit [our website](#).

Founded in 1920, the NHC is the only organization that brings together all segments of the health community to provide a united voice for the more than 133 million people with chronic diseases and disabilities and their family caregivers. Made up of more than 100 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, insurance, medical device, and biotechnology industries.