

Tell the Senate Now

The Senate is moving quickly to put together its version of legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA), following passage of the House American Health Care Act last month. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell hopes to schedule a floor vote on the bill before the July 4th Congressional recess.

Senators are said to be crafting a bill that would increase the number of uninsured and impose harmful cuts to the Medicaid program which protects the health and wellbeing of the vulnerable elderly, disabled, and those living in poverty. The major changes to current insurance coverage such as those included in the House-passed American Health Care Act (AHCA), as well as the fundamental restructuring of the Medicaid program, will jeopardize the health and economic safety of some 23 million Americans.

Please join our colleagues at the Catholic Health Association (CHA) in urging the Senate to reject any legislation that would increase the number of uninsured or impose harmful cuts and changes to the Medicaid program which is a life-line for so many, including many of our own elderly women religious.

A sample letter, background material, and talking points are available on CHA's e-Advocacy website: www.chausa.org/advocacy/contact-congress. Even more effective may be a phone call to your Senators' offices. Call the US Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to be connected. You can also find your Senators' direct phone numbers on the U.S. Senate website: www.senate.gov/senators/contact.

Please share this action alert and write or call your Senators. The time is short and the stakes high.

Thanks for whatever you can do to protect the right to health care of all!