

Ensuring Health Care for All

In January 2017, Congress voted to craft a law that would repeal crucial portions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The ACA has expanded health care to over 16 million Americans, ensured that people with preexisting medical conditions receive coverage, and subsidized health care costs for low-income communities.

Repealing the ACA without a viable replacement law could leave millions of Americans uninsured. As stated in General Convention resolutions, the Episcopal Church advocates for universal health care coverage for all people of the United States. In particular, we have highlighted the need for healthcare for those living with HIV/AIDS, for maternal health and infant development, and for veterans. As Episcopalians, let's call on members of Congress not to repeal the Affordable Care Act without first crafting a viable replacement plan that protects those most in need of health care.

[Contact your members of Congress today and urge them not to repeal the ACA without a viable replacement](#)

Sample Letter:

Dear (representative),

I pray that this message finds you well. As an Episcopalian in your district, I believe that all citizens deserve effective, affordable health care. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) ensured that persons with preexisting conditions and low-income individuals can access basic health care, and now that Congress has passed legislation calling for the repeal of portions of the ACA, I am concerned that many of my brothers and sisters in our district may lose their health insurance.

I urge you not to repeal the ACA without first constructing a viable replacement law that ensures low-income and other at-risk populations can receive the affordable and timely health care that they need. In addition to supporting those in poverty, an effective law would strengthen veteran's health care, women's reproductive health, maternal health and infant health and development, care for those with preexisting conditions, and treatment of those affected by HIV and AIDS, while safeguarding the Medicaid and Medicare programs. As an Episcopalian, I believe that every person deserves access to fullness of life in the Body of Christ, and basic health care is one critical tool for bringing wholeness and healing to Christ's Body.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter, and know that you remain in our prayers.

Sincerely, (your name)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

["This is What Could Happen if Obamacare is Repealed"](#)

["Urge Passage of a Universal Health Care Program"](#)

["The Affordable Care Act"](#)

