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This Valentine's Day
SEND A MESSAGE TO CONGRESS



As political extremists rush to take healthcare away from 30 million Americans, increase our healthcare costs, and endanger the care we deliver and our jobs, they still don't have a real plan to prevent this kind of chaos.

We deserve better, and our patients and communities do, too.

On Feb. 14, demand a real plan for affordable healthcare.

1 Call 866-426-2631 to tell Congress: Show us a real healthcare plan that allows 30 million Americans to keep their coverage, protects us from insurance company denials, and makes monthly premiums, co-pays and prescription medicines affordable for all.

With the growing frustration in the direction our country is moving, it can be hard to reach members of Congress. Keep calling and use social media to deliver your message.

2 Share your story on social media and ask Congress #WhatsYourPlan Use your Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts to share your fears of losing the security of affordable healthcare. Don't forget to tag your member of Congress, include #WhatsYourPlan as a hashtag and ask your friends and loved ones to share.

*Refer to Social Media Activism 101 for more tips.

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**REPEAL? REPLACE? REVISE?
REPAIR? Who Knows?**

...What do we know? Resistance and voters being vocal is working!

Florida CHAIN has been monitoring the ongoing debate and activities surrounding the Affordable Care Act since the election of Donald Trump and the new Congress. The Florida Legislature is busy preparing for session, and there seems to be a "wait and see" attitude in that legislative body on health care issues, although Governor Scott continues to loudly press for an immediate repeal of Obamacare. (see our previous [response](#) to the Governor)

Read the rest of our update [here](#)

ENGAGE YOUR VOICE!

The graphic above from our partners at SEIU is but one example of the efforts being made to help health care consumers share their voice with elected officials and other government agency personnel.

It is most encouraging to see and hear thousands of Floridians raising their voices in support of Affordable Health Care and continuation of the Affordable Health Care Act. Dozens of state and national advocacy sites have formed since the election, joining with more traditional and equally active voices in Florida. We thought we'd share some activities, outlets, resources and opportunities with you, so that you can get more involved, if you haven't already, and add your powerful voice to the symphony. Together, we can make a bigger difference. Our most current [blog post](#) lists some ideas from another of our partners, Community Catalyst. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

ENGAGE ON FACEBOOK -SHARE FLORIDA CHAIN POSTS

ENGAGE ON TWITTER - SHARE FLORIDA CHAIN TWEETS

Qualifying Life Events
You may qualify to enroll during special enrollment periods if you....

- Moved to a new area
- Got married
- Lost coverage
- Got divorced
- Had a baby or adopted
- Had errors enrolling
- Changed your income
- Gained citizenship
- Aged off a parent's plan
- Lost student health insurance

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Getting married
Having a baby
Adopting a child or placing a child for adoption or foster care
Losing other health coverage
Permanently moving outside your plan's coverage area
Gaining citizenship or lawful presence in the U.S.
Gaining or continuing status as a member of an Indian tribe or an Alaska Native.
Leaving incarceration
Turning age 26 or older and aging off your parent's plan
AmeriCorps members starting or ending their service
Change in your income that affects the coverage you qualify for

AHCA Informational Webinar this Friday

The Agency for Health Care Administration is responsible for the nationally recognized website, FloridaHealthFinder.gov. We invite you to sign up for an informative one hour webinar demonstration of the many resources available on FloridaHealthFinder.gov. Learn how to download free consumer education brochures, living wills, and generate trending reports on patient data for hospitals and emergency departments. You won't believe how easy it is to find health care provider information with minimal clicks! This webinar is not mandatory and is open to everyone. Please join us for this educational opportunity! A brief Q&A will follow the presentation. Please register for their [webinar](#) on Friday, February 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

The uncertainty in the situation surrounding the Affordable Care Act and it's future circumstances have impacted the availability of funding resources. Many organizations that would normally support efforts to promote affordable health care are taking a wait and see attitude. Your support as an individual who wants to help Florida CHAIN keep its activities going at this critical time is most helpful and appreciated. Click on the logo on right for a link to our fundraising tool page and SHARE!



Florida CHAIN (Community Health Action Information Network) is a statewide consumer health advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health of all Floridians by promoting access to affordable, quality health care. We fulfill the critical role of building the capacities for and linking consumer, community and service organizations with health care advocacy. Visit www.FloridaCHAIN.org for more information.

