

ACT TODAY TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE

Congressional leaders have declared that one of their first goals in the new Congress is to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA or Obamacare) and "replace" it. While Congress has passed many bills to repeal the ACA in the past, it was clear that President Obama would veto them. But this is not the case with President-elect Donald Trump, who says he will sign an ACA repeal bill.

The Senate is planning to pass a budget that will begin the process of repealing the ACA as soon as TOMORROW. This would make it possible for Congress to take health coverage away from millions of people before having a plan to replace it.

We must educate Members of Congress now about why the ACA is so important to everyone, and especially to people with mental illnesses.

There are key provisions in the ACA that support the health and well-being of people with mental illnesses that we cannot afford to lose:

- Because of the ACA, millions of Americans with mental illnesses or substance use disorders have access to health insurance thanks to the Medicaid Expansion. This coverage has saved lives.
- Because of the ACA, Mental Health Parity was expanded and now provides protections to millions of more Americans.
- Because of the ACA, health insurers can't deny you health insurance based on a mental illness.
- Because of the ACA, more people with disabilities receive supports and live in the community, not institutions.

There are countless other provisions in the ACA that are important to people with mental illnesses. The ACA has unquestionably improved access to care for people with mental illnesses and chronic conditions to help them live healthy, independent, and fulfilling lives. Learn more [here](#).

TAKE ACTION

Call the US Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to be connected to your Senator's office. Tell your Senator:

- Vote NO on the Budget package that leads to eliminating the Affordable Care Act.
- People with mental illnesses need access to comprehensive and affordable health care.

We need the Medicaid expansion and mental health parity.