

SAHM Advocacy SIG 2017

HOT TOPICS

1. Affordable Care Act
2. Access to Contraception and access to affordable contraception
3. Protections and rights for LGBTQ youth and the upcoming Gavin Grimm case
4. Abortion access
5. DACA and dreamers
6. Mass deportations and the effects on families

WHOM DO YOU CONTACT?

<https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

<http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

- Federal elected officials: President, US Senators, US Representatives
- State elected officials: State Governors, State Legislators
- Local elected officials: US Mayors, County Executives, Other local officials

RESOURCES FOR LOCAL ADVOCACY

Town Hall Meetings

<https://www.legistorm.com/townhall.html>

<https://townhallproject.com/>

<https://www.resistancerecess.com/survey/resistance-recess-after/>

Grassroots Toolkit

http://civilrights.org/action_center/toolkit

INTERNET/NATIONAL RESOURCES

American Academy of Pediatrics

<https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/federal-advocacy/Pages/Federal-Advocacy.aspx>

AAP member access: <https://federaladvocacy.aap.org/>

American Academy of Family Physicians

<http://www.aafp.org/advocacy.html>

AAFP Advocacy Toolkit

<http://www.aafp.org/advocacy/involved/toolkit.html>

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

<http://www.acog.org/Advocacy/ACOG-Legislative-Priorities>

American College of Physicians

<https://www.acponline.org/advocacy>

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists

<http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Advocacy/Home.aspx?hkey=8a796008-2f56-4255-af48-750c20f35cd5>

<http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Advocacy/How to Be an Advocate/Home.aspx>

American Civil Liberties Union

<https://www.aclu.org/>

Advocates for Youth

<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/>

Kaiser Family Foundation

<http://kff.org/>

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT PROTECTION

Talking Points for ACA Protection from AAP

- As a pediatrician and a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, I urge you to protect children's coverage as you consider health care changes.
- Children are not just little adults; they have unique health needs, and access to affordable, high-quality health coverage is essential to keeping children of all ages healthy.
- The coverage rate among children in the United States is at a historic high: 95 percent. The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) have worked together to make this possible. We simply cannot afford to lose ground on this progress.
- These programs provide children across the country with access to services they need to thrive, including life-saving vaccinations and well-child check-ups. Children also receive benefits and access to services that are designed with their unique health needs in mind.
- In order to ensure children can receive the care they need, when they need it, I urge you to renew CHIP, keep Medicaid strong and support the ACA. The health of our children and future generations depends on it.

Talking Points for ACA Protection from AAFP

As a family physician from your state, I see the daily impact health care coverage has on my patients. I remember the days when people in my community, my patients, were denied coverage based on life-threatening illnesses or even chronic health conditions. Today, I am worried my patients will lose their health coverage and the patient-centered insurance reforms from which they have benefited. I am asking you to protect health care coverage for people in our state by voting against any legislation or resolution that would directly or indirectly result in any individual losing their health insurance coverage, whether that coverage be public or private.

Our health care system is not perfect, and there are clearly areas in need of additional reform. But many of the reforms achieved in recent years have helped millions, including people in my community. Whether it is making insurance affordable for those with pre-existing conditions, barring plans from cutting off insurance once patients get sick, or allowing children to stay on their parents' plans until their 26th birthday, these reforms made a difference in the lives of my patients

As a family physician providing care to these people, I believe health care coverage and insurance protections should be preserved. I do not support efforts to roll back or eliminate the patient-centered insurance reforms established in recent years that prohibit discrimination against patients due to their race, gender, health status, or geographic location. These reforms matter to the everyday lives of our patients.

Being patient-centered means we put the patient first. As a family physician and advocate for my patients, I do not want any of them to be hurt by the actions Congress takes or fails to take.

Talking Points for ACA Protection from ACOG

Oppose ACA Repeal and Ensure Any Changes to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Meet the Needs of Ob-Gyns and Our Patients

Any attempt to reform our Nation's health care system must not compromise or reduce health insurance guarantees and protections achieved by the ACA. Alternative proposals must:

- Maintain critical benefits, including
 - o Guaranteed maternity coverage
 - Full coverage and no cost-sharing for women's preventive health services, including all FDA approved contraceptives
 - Continued Medicaid state plan option to expand coverage of family planning
- Preserve market protections, including:
 - Prohibition on pre-existing condition exclusions, gender rating, and annual and lifetime benefit caps
 - Direct access to ob-gyn care
 - Allowing individuals through age 26 to maintain coverage on their parents' insurance
 - Access to premium subsidies for small employers and low-income individuals
- Strengthen the health care safety net, including
 - o Continued Medicaid expansion to cover individuals up to 138% of the federal poverty level

- Protect public health, including o Continued required break time and location to express breastmilk

- Preserving the Prevention and Public Health Fund

We support repeal of:

- The Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB)
- ACA Replacement Must Include:
 - o Meaningful Liability Reform