ADVOCACY ALERT!

In the early hours of Thursday, January 12 the Senate agreed on a budget resolution (S.Con.Res.3) that sets the stage for repealing the Affordable Care Act. Although the budget does not become law, it provides for a powerful procedural tool to dismantle the ACA with simple majorities in the House and Senate. Senate adoption of the budget is the first step in that process. The House is expected to take up the budget resolution today Friday, January 13.

Your voice is needed to speak up on the importance of access to health care for young people. Time is of the essence. **Members of Congress need to hear from you today!**

**What can you do?**

Call the Capitol switchboard 202-224-3121. Select Option 2 and enter your zip code to identify and connect with your Representative.

Here’s a sample message you can use in your call:

As a constituent and a health care provider for adolescents, I ask that you vote against the FY2017 Budget Resolution (S.Con.Res.3). In my work, I see firsthand the importance of access to health care for young people as a foundation to promote healthy development and a safe transition to adulthood. I urge you to continue to make healthcare accessible and affordable for all.

If you wish to gather additional information for a more detailed communication with your Representative, use the Families USA Tool ‘What is at Stake on Each State’ to find your state’s fact sheet with coverage estimates that will help you tailor your message. Also, feel free to share SAHM’s position paper on health care reform with your legislators because the principles it supports are very relevant for the House debate.