

One Nation Health – For You, For ALL

A Message for Reform

Access, Benefits, Choices, Savings, Responsibility and Rewards For You and For ALL

[Introduction: A Once-in-a-Generation Opportunity to Get It Right](#)

Health care is the consuming domestic issue of our time. Health care, which is about health and caring, actively defines our relationships with each other, our mutual responsibilities as citizens (to care for one another) and our individual rights of conscience. Given the disappointments and the failed promises of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Americans are passionately concerned about health care reform. It is personal to each and every one of us.

The ACA is collapsing. Costs are increasing while choices are decreasing. Reform is required. The House has taken an essential first step toward successful reform with the passage of the American Health Care Act (AHCA). However, there is much work yet to do and the public is uncertain and anxious about what lies ahead.

Unlike the ACA, the solution must unify, not divide, Americans. Unfortunately, the debate has been divisive. Many who are working to protect the status quo are only offering a message of fear about what reformers will do. They are not providing answers. Republicans have documented ACA's failures, but they are struggling with the complexity of reform and how to speak in clear terms about what is coming. The American people, however, do not care about the politics. They want results and a system that works successfully for them as individuals.

The party with control of the White House and majorities in Congress has a unique burden to act and lead. It is now time to speak with clarity. The passage of the AHCA was a significant step, illustrating the requirement of leadership. Republicans must now clearly describe their underlying principles for reform and deliver a clear message that will unify the country and sustain successful reform.

The underlying principles of successful health care reform are the ABCs of success: Access, Benefits, Choices and health savings, responsibility and rewards For ALL. Empowering the states as the engines of reform management, the AHCA's patient-centered, market-based model directly advances these central principles for all Americans. It promotes the active investment in improved individual health, health care and the wellbeing of every American. It rewards individual responsibility. And, perhaps most importantly, it promotes patient-physician engagement. The AHCA establishes the foundation for successful reform. We must now – with great clarity, communicate the importance of this message to every American.

That simple message is: For You, For ALL.

The clarity of this statement directly connects American ideals about individuals with American ideas about community. Putting you – the individual – at the center is the best way to improve care for you and for all – the community. In America, we don't stand for the denial of individual liberty, nor do we stand for anyone being left behind or forgotten. These values bind us together and unite us in health care and caring.

Most of all, this message is about you and the dignity of every person. Health care isn't about insurance. It's about a relationship. It's about a relationship a doctor has with a patient, a patient has with their family, a family has with their community, and the community has with the nation. We're all connected. When I actively invest in my health care, I invest in every American.

Again, with the right leadership, health care is a policy challenge that will unite us rather than divide us. That's the aim of the One Nation Health coalition. **By putting people, not politics, at the center we'll get reform right.** Tearing down the current law isn't enough. Both parties should aspire to build the best health care system the world has ever known for you, and for all. As a people, we must demand nothing less, not just for ourselves, but also for the country and our children.