



Update on Legislative Efforts to Repeal and Replace the Affordable Care Act

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The House of Representatives is expected to vote this afternoon on a modified version of the American Health Care Act (AHCA). This is the legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that was pulled from consideration on March 24.

The House vote is just the first step in what will continue to be a long and uncertain process for the legislation. Therefore, NDSS encourages our advocates to continue reaching out to their members of Congress to educate them on how certain changes to Medicaid and repeal of the ACA present serious problems for people with Down syndrome and their families. Information about those impacts can be found at: [Health Care Reforms Impacting People with Disabilities](#).

To find contact information for your members of Congress, please [click here](#) and type in your zip code.

In the meantime, the NDSS public policy team is continuing to meet with policymakers in Washington to explain why Medicaid and other reforms enacted as part of the ACA are needed to support people with Down syndrome to live and work in their communities, develop assets that reduce dependence on public benefits and avoid costly and segregated institutions.

Members of Congress need to understand how and why these federal programs are personally important to you and your family. By telling our personal stories, we can help to ensure that these programs will continue to be available for people with Down syndrome and other disabilities.