

July Call Script: Call Your Senator to Stop Health Care Repeal

Use this call script to contact your Senators and urge them to oppose all attempts to take coverage away from people and undermine Medicaid. Remember to call members of Congress who represent you where you live, not those from other states or districts.

Phone number: 1-866-426-2631

Talking Points

- The CBO score confirms that repealing health care will bring devastating harm to millions of people in America, all while giving an enormous tax break to the wealthy.
- The repeal bill destroys Medicaid as we know it for our country's most vulnerable.
- Repealing health care strips coverage from millions of people, and drives up out-of-pocket health care costs for millions more.
- Proposals to repeal health care cannot be fixed with added sweeteners and payoffs, try as Senate Republican leaders might. They must be scrapped completely.
- If Republicans in the Senate repeal health care, they will be responsible for the pain and suffering of millions and voters will remember come 2018.

Sample Call Dialogue

Caller: Good morning/afternoon! My name is _____ and I'm from (town, state)_____. Can you let me know how Senator _____ plans to vote on the motion to proceed on the health care bill?

Option 1: If your Senator plans to vote "no" on the motion to proceed

Staffer: Thank you for calling. Senator _____ plans to vote no on the motion to proceed.

Caller: That's great! Please tell Senator _____ thank you for opposing health care repeal. I'd like to hear him/her speak out in the media or on the Senate floor against repeal of the Affordable Care Act and cuts to Medicaid that will harm millions of people. She/he needs to make it clear that she/he wants to protect people on Medicaid and everyone else who depends on the Affordable Care Act.

Staffer: I will certainly pass on your message to Senator _____.

Caller: Please do. This is extremely important to me and I will be watching closely for her/his public statements in opposition. Thank you for your time.

Option 2: If your Senator plans to vote "yes" on the motion to proceed

Staffer: Thank you for calling. Senator _____ plans to vote yes on the motion to proceed.

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Caller: I'm very disappointed to hear that. Repeal would take away health care from millions of Americans, would cut the Medicaid program, and give billions in tax breaks to the wealthy.

If health care repeal passes, the people Senator _____ represents will face higher out-of-pocket costs or lose their access to care altogether.

Staffer: I will certainly pass on your concerns to Senator _____

Caller: Please do. If Senator _____ votes yes on the motion to proceed, he/she will be responsible for the pain and suffering it causes and voters like me will remember.

Option 3: If your Senator has no response or has no position

Staffer: Thank you for calling! I'm not sure how Senator _____ plans to vote at this time, but I'm happy to take down your concerns.

Caller: I'm disappointed to hear that and would ask Senator _____ to vote no on the motion to proceed on health care repeal.

Here are my concerns. Repealing the Affordable Care Act would leave millions more uninsured and cut Medicaid for the most vulnerable. Repeal bills cannot be fixed with added sweeteners, try as Senate Republican leaders might. Attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and undermine Medicaid need to be scrapped completely.

If health care repeal passes, the people Senator _____ represents will face higher out-of-pocket costs or lose their access to care altogether.

My health depends on Senator _____ voting against the motion to proceed.

I expect Senator _____ to publicly pledge to vote no.

Staffer: I will certainly pass on your concerns to Senator _____.

Caller: Please do, and please take down my contact information to let me know when Senator _____ has made up his/her mind. I'm eager to hear what he/she decides.