



U.S. Business Sector Asks Congress to Improve Value, Not Reduce Coverage

Statement by David Lansky, President and CEO of the Pacific Business Group on Health, on the Better Care Reconciliation Act

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On behalf of the members of PBGH — who collectively spend \$40 billion a year to provide health care benefits for more than 10 million Americans — we call on Congress to find a way to improve our health care system without reducing coverage.

We support several elements of the “Better Care Reconciliation Act” (BCRA) that improve the efficiency and flexibility of employer-sponsored coverage. At the same time, we are opposed to the dramatic reductions in coverage resulting from BCRA’s cuts to the Medicaid program and insufficient mechanisms to stabilize the individual (non-group) market.

There is a strong business case for policies that ensure that all Americans have meaningful health insurance coverage. Any policy changes that result in increasing the number of uninsured would not only hurt the families involved, but would drive up health care costs for employers as well. Reductions in coverage would shift health care costs to businesses and their employees, and they would compromise the health of the American workforce.

We encourage Congressional leaders to recognize that reducing coverage and cutting benefits will not address the fundamental problems of the U.S. health care system. BCRA would reduce government spending, but it would not reduce the overall costs of providing health care, which are disproportionately borne by American businesses.

Furthermore, we encourage Congress to take more focused efforts to accelerate the transition to value based care arrangements as a means of achieving better use of public funds and thereby creating the resources to assure wider coverage for all Americans. We will not be able to solve our health care problem until we have comprehensive reform that fundamentally changes the way we deliver and pay for health care services.

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