



ACEP 911 Network Weekly Update - Special Edition
UPDATE ON HOUSE VOTE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE ACA

For weeks, the White House and Republican leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives have been working on legislation to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act. Over the past several days, their legislative proposal, the "American Health Care Act," has been undergoing significant modifications in an effort to secure enough votes to pass the bill. Despite these efforts, it remains unclear at this time if there will be enough Republican support (House Democrats are unanimously opposed) to approve the bill when the House votes on it later this afternoon.

ACEP continues to advocate on behalf of our "[Emergency Medicine Health Care Reform Principles](#)" and expressed concern about some of the initial revisions that would potentially weaken patients' access to emergency care. However, based on the latest changes made to the bill to secure individual votes, ACEP determined it must **oppose the legislation** in its current form. ACEP President Dr. Rebecca Parker issued a [statement](#) yesterday that "ACEP cannot support any legislation that does not include emergency medical care as a covered benefit in health insurance. The Affordable Care Act included emergency services as an essential health benefit and any replacement legislation must do the same."

If the bill is approved, ACEP will direct its advocacy to the U.S. Senate in an effort to reinstate these protections.

Stay tuned for additional updates as Congress continues its work on health care reform.

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