House Health Care Reform Talking Points

- It's vital that individuals and families have meaningful health care coverage.

- No one in this country should ever be without necessary care because of an inability to afford it and no one should be forced into bankruptcy or financial ruin because of necessary medical care.

- Coverage may be threatened in this proposal due to:
  - Cuts in Medicaid (both in terms of the efforts to roll-back expansion and by moving to per-capita payments);
  - Elimination of the tax subsidies (unsure how effective tax credits will be as a replacement);
  - Institution of a 30% penalty for failure to maintain coverage; and
  - Lack of mechanisms to increase insurance market share.

- Eliminating the key patient protections (Essential Health Benefits) for Medicaid beneficiaries will further erode their already limited coverage and access to care.

- The proposal creates additional cuts in the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments for Medicaid expansion states for the next two years because non-expansion states will have their DSH cuts rescinded in 2018 (expansion states DSH cuts eliminated in 2020).

- ACEP wants to continue working with lawmakers in both parties and both chambers to ensure patient protections are maintained and meaningful coverage established for all Americans.