



July 18, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader

House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressional Leaders:

We, the undersigned, respectfully urge Congress to act soon to make health care more accessible and affordable for all Americans. Specifically, we support legislation to:

- Strengthen health savings accounts.
- Expand access to direct primary care.
- Make telehealth options permanent.
- And promote competition through site-neutral payment and honest billing.

By shifting power to patients rather than systems, these incremental and largely bipartisan reforms give patients more options, promote competition, and increase access. They are especially beneficial for Americans with chronic illnesses and people living in rural and underserved communities. ***We urge you to act on these issues this year, and if necessary, to include them in a reconciliation bill in the next Congress.***

Health Savings Accounts provide more options to save for and pay medical expenses tax-free, give patients more choice and control, reduce financial barriers to care, and promote personal responsibility. Most Americans today lack access to an HSA due to unduly restrictive federal requirements. Examples of bills that significantly enhance HSA access and flexibility include the Bipartisan HSA Improvement Act (H.R. 5687) and the HSA Modernization Act (H.R. 5688), both of which are committee-approved and ready for House floor action; the Health Care Fairness for All Act (H.R. 3129); and the HSA ACCESS Act (H.R. 5608), which saves \$29 billion over five years (CBO 2018).

Direct Primary Care offers patients unparalleled access to the doctors of their choice using a convenient subscription model. DPC doctors spend more time with their patients. Their patients visit the emergency room less often and have better chronic care

compliance. Among bills that would strengthen DPC access is the bipartisan Primary Care Enhancement Act (H.R.3029 and S.628).

Telehealth bridges barriers, improves access in rural and underserved areas, reduces costs, and improves compliance, while enhancing convenience and cost-effectiveness. For example, the bipartisan, committee-passed Preserving Telehealth, Hospital, and Ambulance Access Act (H.R. 8261) includes provisions that make popular pandemic-era telemedicine flexibilities permanent.

Site-Neutral Payment and Honest Billing promote competition, combat inflation, and reduce patient out-of-pocket costs by ensuring “save service, same price.” If you see your doctor for a checkup, you shouldn’t pay for a hospital visit. Examples of good bills in this area include the bipartisan SITE Act (S.1869), which reduces seniors’ out-of-pocket costs by \$94 billion and saves \$141 billion over ten years (CBO), and the bipartisan FAIR Act (H.R. 3417).

Incremental, taxpayer-friendly, and largely bipartisan, these reforms offer a solid, hopeful start toward giving Americans the kinds of personalized options and affordable choices they need, deserve, and demand.

Sincerely,

Americans for Prosperity

The LIBRE Initiative

Center for a Fair Economy

Goodman Institute

Council for Affordable Health Coverage

Market Institute

Better Solutions for Healthcare

Americans for Tax Reform

National Taxpayers Union

Pacific Research Institute

The HSA Coalition

Patients Rising

