

HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA NOW!

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HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA NOW ON HOUSE HEALTH CARE BILL

Washington, DC – [Health Care for America Now](#) (HCAN) – the nation’s largest health care campaign – released the following statement today following the introduction of the House of Representatives’ comprehensive health care legislation - The Affordable Health Care for America Act:

Richard Kirsch, National Campaign Manager, [Health Care for America Now](#):

“The House of Representatives took an historic step today by introducing a bill that will guarantee good, affordable health care and real choice in the health insurance marketplace.

We commend Speaker Pelosi and the rest of the House leadership team, Chairmen Waxman, Miller, and Rangel, and Congressman Dingell for all working together to deliver legislation that puts people's health care needs before insurance company profits. Today, House leadership proved it is on our side with a bill that makes health care much more affordable, ends egregious insurance industry abuse, and injects real choice and competition with the inclusion of a national public health insurance option. We are also pleased to see the bill includes shared responsibility between individuals, employers, and government and draws revenue from fair financing as opposed to taxation of higher-cost health care plans.

Today we took one historic step closer to achieving comprehensive health care reform that works for America’s families and businesses and guarantees people will no longer be left at the mercy of private health insurance companies - companies beholden to Wall Street and corporate shareholders instead of committed to making sure people have good, affordable health care when they need it most.”