



Urge Your Senators to Oppose the Graham-Cassidy Bill

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The Senate leadership has revived its efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA) with its most radical proposal yet – a bill sponsored by Senators Graham (R-SC) and Cassidy (R-LA). The Graham-Cassidy bill would imperil the health of the estimated 5 million Americans living with hepatitis B or C by legalizing discrimination against those with pre-existing conditions and dismantling Medicaid. Specifically, the bill would:

- Allow states to waive the ACA’s prohibition against charging people with pre-existing conditions higher premiums;
- Allow states to opt out of the ACA’s Essential Health Benefit requirements, which include prescription drugs, preventive services, and substance use disorder treatment;
- Eliminate the ACA’s marketplace subsidies and enhanced matching rate for the Medicaid expansion, replacing them instead with an inadequate lump-sum block grant that would not adjust based on need;
- Allow states to spend block grant funding on virtually any health care purpose, with no requirement to offer low- and moderate-income people coverage or financial assistance; and
- Gut Medicaid by installing a per capita cap structure that limits funding for the states, which will then be forced to cut eligibility and benefits.

Please [call or email your two U.S. Senators](#) to ask them to oppose Graham-Cassidy and any legislation that does not adequately protect people living with hepatitis B or C.

Sample Script:

“I am [calling/emailing] as a constituent of Senator _____ to request that he/she oppose the Graham-Cassidy bill. This bill would leave millions more people uninsured and would strip critical protections away from people with pre-existing conditions.

[I/ my family member/partner/friend] have a pre-existing condition called [hepatitis B or C], which insurance companies could use to discriminate against me/them under this bill. My/their health depends on Senator ____ voting against Graham-Cassidy.

I expect Senator _____ to publicly state his/her opposition to this inhumane bill and prioritize the health and well-being of his/her constituents.”

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