



Urgent Health Care Alert

Late last year, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate passed differing versions of legislation intended to reform our nation's health care system. Negotiations that are now underway could lead to further Congressional action very soon. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) continues to insist that any measure maintain the longstanding policy against federal funding of abortion, include full conscience protection, and assure that health care is accessible and affordable for all.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding Congressional negotiations and the speed at which these discussions could be resolved, electronic media will be the most effective way to keep up with – and take action upon – any legislation. Please contact your members of Congress by visiting the USCCB Action Alert page on health legislation at www.usccb.org/action. Also, please sign up for the Virginia Catholic Conference e-mail Advocacy Network to receive further alerts and updates about this issue and others of vital importance in the weeks and months to come. To do so, visit www.vacatholic.org, click the "Join the Network!" icon, and complete the very short electronic form provided.

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