

Save Mental Health Reform

Last night, the Senate took the first step towards repeal of health care reform. Health care reform, otherwise known as the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and/or Obamacare, made several changes to federal laws which have especially benefited people with mental health and addiction needs.

These changes include:

1. Made mental health and addiction treatment a benefit that all insurance plans must fully cover
2. Required insurance companies to cover people with pre-existing conditions
3. Allowed young people to stay on their parents' family insurance plan until 26 years old
4. Increased access to individuals who previously were not able to access coverage, through the exchange, Medicaid
5. Improved coordination of mental, behavioral, and physical medical care for people

The House is poised to take similar action on Friday.

Any changes to the Affordable Care Act must keep these priorities in place. Right now, more than ever, we need you to contact your Member of Congress and tell them you want to protect mental health. Make sure that your Representative knows that you don't want to lose coverage for you or loved ones - you don't want them to repeal without a replacement, and you want the replacement to maintain existing coverage.

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