



Funding the Future of Disability Services

(Correction: The link to ANCOR's one-pager on the AHCA has been updated)

Calling All People with Disabilities, Family Members, and Providers!

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT – SAVE MEDICAID!

In-State Visits (May 26-June 2) and DC Hill Day (June 6)!

THE ISSUE

In early May, [the U.S. House of Representatives passed its version of the American Health Care Act of 2017 \(AHCA/HR 1628\)](#) – this version of the bill makes significant cuts (**over \$800 billion!**) to the Medicaid program including to programs for people with disabilities and special education programs. It puts greater weight on states to pick up costs of disability services and it removes important health insurance protections for people who have disabilities and significant health issues. The U.S. Senate is now working on their own version of the AHCA – and because of a special budget process called reconciliation – the Senate can pass the bill by a simple majority. In the House, very little attention was given to the significant changes and cuts to Medicaid proposed by the AHCA. We must not let this silence be storyline in the Senate – we must voice our concerns and let ALL U.S. Senators know what is at risk.

THE URGENCY

MEDICAID IS IN JEOPARDY AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, FAMILIES, AND PROVIDERS NEED TO COME TOGETHER TO SAVE THE PROGRAM. Your U.S. Senators need to know that Medicaid helps to fund essential community services, job supports, personal care, respite care and so much more. Whether your U.S. Senator supports future passage of the AHCA or not, they need you now to give them important information about how the AHCA impacts you. This is serious – it's time to tell your story.

THE SOLUTION – TAKE ACTION!

ANCOR is here to help you lift your voice during two key moments – in-state visits (May 26-June 2) when your Senators are back home for the Memorial Day recess and during a special **HILL DAY** in Washington, DC on Tuesday, June 6. We need to share stories, information, and come together to do everything we can to keep harmful cuts from becoming a reality:

YOU ARE INVITED to join ANCOR in Washington, DC on Tuesday, June 6, to SAVE OUR SERVICES

Fill out your [RSVP HERE](#) to join the Hill Day of Action on June 6 and we will keep you

informed with details for the day at the U.S. Capitol!

**TOOLS FOR IN-STATE MEMORIAL DAY RECESS VISITS (May 26-June 2)
AND JUNE 6th DC HILL DAY**

- **INFORM YOURSELF AND OTHERS:**
 - [NEW One Pager on AHCA and its Impact on People with Disabilities](#)
 - [Webinar about how to prepare](#) for Memorial Day recess visits or June 6 DC Hill Day
 - [ASAN's Self Advocacy Guide to Medicaid \(Helpful resource for all!\)](#)
- **SET A MEETING:** [Sample meeting request template](#) AND contact information for your U.S. Senator's [in-state staff](#) and [DC staff](#)
- **MAKE A CALL/GO TO TOWN HALL:** Sample message to [call your Member of Congress](#) and [provide input at Town Hall meetings](#)
- **WANT NUMBERS?:** [Get your state profile here](#) on what is spent on I/DD services
- **PUBLISH AN OP-ED:** Contact egrant@ancor.org if you are interested

All of these resources and more are available at www.disabilitysos.org!

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