

Long Term Services and Supports Must be Part of Health Care Reform



THE FACTS

- 48 million people lack insurance for their health care.
- 250 million people lack insurance for their long term services and supports.
- 10 million Americans daily need long term services and supports. Forty percent are under age 65.
- 44 million Americans provide care daily for adults, many of whom are chronically ill.
- Virtually every American family will face the need to provide long term services and supports for relatives and friends.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW

- Vulnerable adults of all ages with disabilities cannot afford or access the services they need in the setting of their choice.
- Families work multiple jobs and drain their bank accounts to pay for their loved ones' care.
- We must take the pressure off of future Medicaid expenditures and improve access to home and community-based services.
- Businesses are burdened by lost productivity of caregivers.

Health care reform without long term services and supports will fail to solve this crisis.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

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| AARP | Catholic Health Association of the United States | National Disability Rights Network |
| ACCSES | Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions at Western University of Health Sciences | National Down Syndrome Congress |
| ADA Watch/National Coalition for Disability Rights | Council of Health and Human Service Ministries of the United Church of Christ | National Down Syndrome Society |
| AFL-CIO | Easter Seals | National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty |
| Alliance for Retired Americans | Epilepsy Foundation | National Multiple Sclerosis Society |
| Alzheimer's Association | Episcopal Community Services In America | National Spinal Cord Injury Association |
| American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging | Friends Services for the Aging | NCCNHR: The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care |
| American Association of People with Disabilities | Gray Panthers | OWL - The Voice of Midlife and Older Women |
| American Association on Health and Disability | Lutheran Services in America | Paralyzed Veterans of America |
| American Dance Therapy Association | Masonic Homes Executives Association of North America | Presbyterian Association of Homes and Services for the Aging |
| American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) | Menonite Health Services Alliance | Service Employees International Union (SEIU) |
| American Federation of Teachers | Metropolitan Jewish Health System | Special Olympics |
| American Music Therapy Association | National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys | The Arc of the United States |
| American Network of Community Options and Resources | National Alliance for Caregiving | The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society |
| American Postal Workers Union | National Association of Area Agencies on Aging | United Cerebral Palsy |
| American Society of Consultant Pharmacists | National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs | United Jewish Communities |
| Association of Jewish Aging Services of North America | National Association of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs | United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries |
| Association of University Centers on Disabilities | National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Housing Board | United Spinal Association |
| Autism Society of America | National Committee To Preserve Social Security and Medicare | Volunteers of America |
| B'nai B'rith International | National Council on Aging | Wider Opportunities for Women |
| Brain Injury Association of America | National Council on Independent Living | |

We call on Congress to provide real health security by including long term services and supports in health care reform legislation.

This problem can be solved in a financially sound way for families and taxpayers. We can make it affordable to care.