What is Next in Federal Health Policy?

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The Current Political Landscape

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) cut the uninsured rates for Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities in half. APIAHF continues to fight for health equity and bring the voices and needs of diverse AA and NHPI communities to the Capitol and White House.
The ACA is Still the Law of the Land

What’s the Issue?
• The ACA has been largely a success
  • Though we have work to do

• 9 Months of Defending the ACA and Medicaid
  • Repeal turned into repeal and replace
  • Attacks on immigrants
  • House succeeded, but Senate failed
The ACA is Still the Law of the Land

• What’s the Impact?

Since the ACA’s passage, the uninsured rate for AAs and NHPIs has dropped.

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Disparities in who is uninsured differ, but all groups have benefited from the ACA
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The ACA protects people with pre-existing conditions and provides 8 million AAs and NHPIs with free preventive care.

14%  
Indian Americans have diabetes compared to 7.1% of Whites

60%  
People living with Hep B are AA and NHPI

5x  
Vietnamese women have cervical cancer rates 5x higher than White women

Consumers now have access to free screenings for diabetes, Hep B and cervical cancer.
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• What you need to pay attention to now
  • Graham-Cassidy Plan
    • September 30th deadline
  • Cost sharing reductions
  • Funding for the marketplaces
  • Avoiding weakened consumer protections
Open Enrollment 5

What’s the Issue?
• Open enrollment is coming but the federal government is cutting resources

What’s the Impact?
• **45** days to enroll (vs 90)
• **90%** cut to federal outreach spending
• **41%** cut to navigators
• Public confusion

What can you do?
• Spread the word about enrollment on Nov 1st
• Share stories!
CHIP Funding Agreement Reached

What’s the Issue?
• CHIP funding ends Sept. 30

What’s the Impact?
• Senate agreement would extend CHIP for 5 years
• Program still needed even with the ACA

What do you need to do?
• Nothing is final yet. Agreement only in the Senate and no legislative text.
• Keep up pressure to get a bill passed and signed.
Uncertain future for DREAMers

What’s the Issue?
• White House will end DACA in six months

What’s the Impact?
• 57.3% of DACA have employer sponsored insurance
• Potential end of state health insurance targeted to dreamers
• Threat of deportation impacts health

What do you need to do?
• Congress must pass the Dream Act ASAP
Health Care for COFA Communities

What’s the Issue?

- COFA communities are blocked from Medicaid
Health Care for COFA Communities

What’s the Impact?

• 56k people are lawfully living and working in the U.S. from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau
• Many COFA peoples’ health has been impacted from the fallout of nuclear testing and military activities

What can you do?

• Make sure your member supports the Covering Our FAS Allies Act, S. 1391 introduced by Senator Hirono in the Senate and HR 2982 in the House introduced by Representative Hanabusa.
Reproductive Health

What’s the Issue?
• Access to comprehensive reproductive health care is under attack

What’s the Impact?
• ACA repeal bills tried to defund Planned Parenthood
• The Hyde Amendment has barred federal funding for abortions since 1977 (with limited exceptions).
• Women of color are disproportionately affected by funding restrictions.
• White House may change birth control regulations (ACA)

What can you do?
• Protect the ACA & Medicaid
• Demand Congress (and the White House) pass clean funding bills
• Public comment on birth control regulation changes
Civil Rights in Health Care

What’s the Issue?
• ACA civil rights protections under attack
• Revised 1557 rule with the Trump Administration

What’s the Impact?
• Section 1557 of the ACA prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in certain health programs or activities
• National origin includes English proficiency
• Regulations may be changed to remove certain groups from these protections
Civil Rights in Health Care

What can you do?

– Follow the Health Forum for updates
– Participate in advocacy campaigns if a new rule is issued
– Know your rights and educate others
Funding the Government

What’s the Issue?
• Deals on how to fund the government deeply impact the Congressional Agenda

What’s the Impact?
• Congress must reach a deal by the end of the year
• The Budget Resolution will drive how much the government spends, tax changes and health care.

What can you do?
• Tell Congress to pass funding sufficient to meet the country’s need and do not include fast-track paths for cutting health care.
REACH Funding Cuts

What’s the Issue?
• Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health is an effective program granting $ to communities helping end health disparities.
• Funding for REACH is close to being eliminated

What’s the impact?
• 15 AAPI community organizations who reached 1.4 million people with nutrition and physical activity improvement programs.
• African American communities with REACH grantees saw reduced obesity trends compared to similar communities without grantees.

What can you do?
• Tell Congress that REACH must be fully funded in the next government funding agreement.
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