

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.

We cannot reform health care without including long-term services and supports.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW

- Vulnerable adults of all ages with disabilities are losing essential services and struggling with unmet needs.
- Families are working multiple jobs and draining their bank accounts to pay for their loved ones' care.
- States' budgets are buckling under skyrocketing Medicaid costs.
- Businesses are burdened by lost productivity of caregivers.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

Alzheimer's Association
American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
The Arc of the United States
Association of Jewish Aging Services
The Catholic Health Association of the United States
Council of Health and Human Service Ministries of the United Church of Christ
Easter Seals
Lutheran Services in America
National Council on Aging
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Presbyterian Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
United Cerebral Palsy
United Jewish Communities
United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries
Volunteers of America

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.