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## Stated positions of major health groups on the American Health Care Act

Organization	Position	
	<p>“While we agree that there are problems with the ACA that must be addressed, we cannot support the AHCA as drafted because of the expected decline in health insurance coverage and the potential harm it would cause to vulnerable patient populations”</p> <p>— <b>AMA Executive Vice President and CEO James L. Madara</b>, in a letter to relaying the physician group’s concerns with the bill</p>	 <i>Opposed</i>
	<p>“We write today to express our opposition to the American Health Care Act. This bill would weaken Medicare’s fiscal sustainability, dramatically increase health care costs for Americans aged 50-64, and put at risk the health care of millions of children and adults with disabilities, and poor seniors who depend on the Medicaid program for long-term services and supports and other benefits.”</p> <p>— <b>AARP Senior Vice President for Government Affairs Joyce A. Rogers</b> in a letter to Congress expressing the association’s opposition to the AHCA</p>	 <i>Opposed</i>
  	<p>“We are very concerned that the draft legislative proposal being considered by the House committees could lead to tremendous instability for those seeking affordable coverage. Furthermore, we are deeply concerned that the proposed Medicaid program restructuring will result in both the loss of coverage for current enrollees as well as cuts to a program that provides health care services for our most vulnerable populations... As a result, we cannot support the American Health Care Act as currently written.”</p> <p>— <b>In a joint letter to Congress signed by the AHA, FAH, AAMC, CHA, NAPHS, America’s Essential Hospitals, and Children’s Hospital Association</b></p>	 <i>Opposed</i>

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