



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

Children and Adults with Disabilities Need Health Care Reform

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (“CCD”) Health Task Force believes that the goal of health care reform should be to assure that all Americans, including people with disabilities and chronic conditions, have access to high quality, comprehensive, affordable health care that meets their individual needs and enables them to be healthy, functional, live as independently as possible, and participate in the community. The CCD is a coalition of national consumer, service provider, and professional organizations which advocate on behalf of persons with disabilities and chronic conditions and their families.

We believe that there are numerous provisions in the America’s Affordable Health Choices Act (H.R. 3200) that greatly benefit children and adults with disabilities and chronic conditions. The following stand out as signature achievements of the legislation:

- Major insurance market reforms such as the elimination of discrimination based on health status, a prohibition on pre-existing condition exclusions, guaranteed issue and renewal requirements, elimination of annual and lifetime caps, and mental health and substance abuse parity requirements;
- Significant investments in Medicaid to provide health care services to those with low incomes and disabilities;
- A serious commitment to expand access to affordable coverage through credits for the purchase of insurance through the new Health Insurance Exchange.

We look forward to working with Members of Congress to pass this critical reform for children and adults with disabilities.

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