



REPUBLICAN HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION WOULD LEAVE MILLIONS OF LOW-INCOME CHILDREN AND SENIORS WITHOUT ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH COVERAGE

While House Democrats are advancing the CHAMP Act – legislation that will reauthorize the successful State Children’s Health Insurance Program, strengthen Medicare, and limit out-of-pocket costs to seniors – House Republicans are recklessly delaying this landmark legislation and lining up behind a bill that would leave millions of children without care, maintain taxpayer subsidies for HMOs, leave seniors at risk of losing access to their doctor, and require seniors to pay more for less.

THE CHAMP ACT OFFERS A NEW DIRECTION, WHILE THE REPUBLICAN ALTERNATIVE OFFERS ONLY THE STATUS QUO...

- The CHAMP Act will cover 11 million low-income children who are currently eligible for coverage under S-CHIP... **the Republican alternative will not.**
- The CHAMP Act will ensure that seniors enrolled in Medicare have continued access to the doctors they trust... **the Republican alternative will not.**
- The CHAMP Act improves and will strengthen Medicare by stopping a 10% pay cut to doctors and eliminating co-payments and deductibles that discourage seniors from preventative health check-ups... **the Republican alternative will not.**
- The CHAMP Act will end massive subsidies and payments to HMOs... **the Republican alternative will not.**
- The CHAMP Act has been endorsed by the AARP, the AMA and Tobacco Free Kids... **the Republican alternative hasn’t been endorsed by anybody.**

"In the richest country on the face of the earth, it is absolutely unacceptable that we don't have a system that at least covers our children. This is an effort to do that." – House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer

REPUBLICANS ARE MISREPRESENTING THE FACTS...

- **Republicans are falsely claiming that just over 1 million children eligible for S-CHIP are currently uninsured...** even though the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that 5-6 million uninsured kids are eligible.
- **Republicans are falsely claiming that the CHAMP Act encourages families to drop employer-sponsored insurance...** even though most children covered under S-CHIP did not have access to coverage prior to joining the program.
- **Republicans are falsely claiming that the CHAMP Act is a step “towards a government-controlled, socialized healthcare system”...** even though 48 states currently run their S-CHIP program through a private insurance provider.