

Dear patients, clients and community

On May 4th, 2017 The House of Representatives voted to pass the American Health Care Act.

This legislation was previously considered in March 2017. This bill, threatens to repeal portions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and purports to reform the nation's healthcare insurance system.

Please note that this is the first step in a process; this legislation will now go to the Senate, where it is anticipated that the legislation will undergo multiple changes in order to pass. AMC and other FQHC's will continue to oppose this legislation and continue to advocate for our patients during every step in this legislative process.

As a valued part of our community please be assured that we will continue to meet yours and our high standards of access and service. Please remember the following information:

- **There have not yet been any changes to our current health laws.** The legislation passed yesterday by the House must still be passed by the Senate and then signed by the President before it can become law. This is not an immediate process, and must complete multiple processes before it becomes law.
- There will be a transition period before any changes in law impact coverage; if anything changes, we will notify clients, patients and staff well in advance of the actual implementation date.
- Consumers are encouraged to continue to enroll in health insurance, CalFresh, and other programs for which they are eligible. **It is important to stay enrolled in health insurance coverage.**
- Do not delay getting care when it is needed. It is critically important that everyone continue to use and access their health benefits, and to get care when it is needed, before a condition becomes urgent or emergent.
- AMC is here to serve all patients in the community, to assist them with getting enrolled in the benefits for which they qualify, and to provide them with access to quality care.

AMC has been a major contributor in successfully reducing California's uninsured rate from 17% to 8%, and providing quality care to those who need it. We are committed to continuing to fight to preserve our patients' access to coverage and access to care.

Thank you,

AMC STAFF