

MEMORANDUM

TO: House Republicans
FROM: Kevin McCarthy
DATE: April 6, 2017
SUBJECT: Healthcare Update

As you prepare for the upcoming district work period – where you will have an opportunity to interact directly with your constituents, as well as share in this season of renewal with your families – I wanted to update you on our progress toward keeping our promise to repeal and replace Obamacare.

Doing big things is rarely easy – but we cannot and will not let American families down. That is why it is so important to get this bill right and to unite around our shared goal. Over the last two weeks, Members have engaged in meaningful conversations about the best path forward and I am pleased to report that we are making progress.

One proposal to emerge from recent discussions is a broadly supported concept that will further benefit those purchasing insurance in the individual market. The Palmer-Schweikert amendment creates a \$15 billion Federal Invisible Risk Sharing Program that will help states reduce premiums by reimbursing health insurance issuers for high cost individuals beginning in 2018.

Later today, the Rules Committee will meet to add this amendment to our bill. This is a positive step that strengthens our plan, however more work remains. I realize how important it is to keep up momentum so be assured that conversations will continue and we will keep in contact with you throughout the district work period. Should we be prepared to advance our bill through the House in the coming two weeks, we will advise Members immediately and give you sufficient time to return to Washington.

In the meantime, I hope you have a blessed Easter and a happy Passover.

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