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CONGRESS SHOULD PASS MEASURES TO HELP PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

The IAM joins the labor movement in the longstanding belief that healthcare is a basic right. Everyone has the right to receive quality and affordable healthcare. By this, the IAM supports federal policies that strengthen access to affordable healthcare for everyone, protects Medicaid and ensures more price transparency.

The “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” (H.R. 1) slashed funding for health coverage under Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA). These reductions will increase premiums and out-of-pocket costs for both private and public insurance. Research estimates that more than 300 hospitals will close, a quarter of nursing homes will shutter, and nearly 500,000 health care workers could lose their jobs.

CONGRESS MUST PASS MEASURES TO EXTEND THE ACA TAX SUBSIDIES

- The Enhanced ACA premium tax credits expired on January 1, 2026, forcing enrollee premium costs to spike and could leave millions to become uninsured.
- On Jan. 8, the House passed the IAM-supported bipartisan measure (H.R. 1834) to extend enhanced ACA premium tax credits for three years, but this has stalled in the Senate.
- The IAM joins all of labor in continuing to urge both the House and Senate to work together for a bipartisan measure to restore the ACA tax credits that are critical for ensuring access to affordable healthcare.

CONGRESS MUST PASS MEASURES TO ENSURE PRICE TRANSPARENCY

- The IAM joins the labor movement’s push of legislative measures for Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) reforms to mandate price transparency. This includes to fully disclose how these middlemen set drug pricing and make money.
- Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle should work together to continuously track the evolution of the PBM marketplace with the goal of ensuring consumers are protected from excess charges.