

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem S. Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries:

Everyday, American families are forced to make tough choices between necessary health care and their basic necessities, jeopardizing their well-being and risking financial ruin to care for themselves or loved ones. Similarly, employers are battling escalating health care costs that limit their ability to grow and provide critical benefits to their workers.

This fall, Congress introduced the bipartisan *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act*, a bill that would take an important step toward making health care more affordable and make a real difference in people's lives. The legislation aims to address a primary driver of increasing health care costs – the high and rising prices charged by large hospital systems – by improving price transparency and advancing site-neutral payment reform. **We, the Alliance for Fair Health Pricing (AFFHP), urge you to consider and pass this legislation as it is a critical step toward lowering the costs of quality health care for American families and employers.**

AFFHP is a non-partisan group of organizations that represent consumers, patients, businesses, and physicians who are working together to make high-quality health care more affordable. We believe that improving access to affordable health care is an economic and social imperative. This legislation, which has received endorsement from all three committees of jurisdiction in the House, includes narrowly-targeted commonsense policies that would protect patients from paying two to three times more for the exact same services than they would in a physician office. The bill also takes a meaningful step toward improving price transparency by requiring all hospitals to publicly disclose the underlying price of health care services.

We applaud the bipartisan champions' efforts to make health care more transparent and affordable. We strongly urge the House to prioritize passage of the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act* this calendar year and send it to the Senate for strong consideration.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Family Physicians

Families USA

American Benefits Council

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Arnold Ventures

Purchaser Business Group on Health

The ERISA Industry Committee

Small Business Majority