

December 12, 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:

**We, the Alliance for Fair Health Pricing (AFFHP), applaud you and your colleagues for passing the bipartisan *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act*, a critical step toward making health care more affordable for American families and employers.** Every day, 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 their loved ones. Similarly, employers are battling escalating health care costs that limit their ability to grow and provide critical benefits to their workers.

The legislation will help 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 and billing transparency. This bill’s passage in the House of Representatives brings us one step closer to making health care more affordable for all Americans.

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 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 provided in a hospital outpatient facility 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 this bipartisan effort to make health care more transparent and affordable. We look forward to this bill’s consideration in the Senate and will continue to advocate for its passage into law.

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