

# Action Alert #28 Contact Sens. Cassidy and Kennedy NOW to Save Medicaid and Healthcare

September 20, 2017

A vote is expected in the U. S. Senate as early as Wednesday, September 27th on Senator Bill Cassidy and Senator Lindsey Graham's healthcare bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Like the previous proposals that failed during the summer, this bill would:

- Deeply cut and cap Medicaid threatening home and community based waiver services and other vital Medicaid services
- Allow states to waive the requirement that insurers must cover essential health benefits, such as prescription drugs or mental health services,
- Allow states to waive the ACA's prohibition against insurers charging higher premiums to people with preexisting conditions
- Cause many millions of people to lose healthcare coverage
- Increase out of pocket costs for individual market consumers

LA Dept. of Health Secretary Rebekah Gee said this bill "uniquely and disproportionately hurts Louisiana."

#### TAKE ACTION NOW

Contact Senators Cassidy and Kennedy to let them know how important Medicaid services are to you and your family and how you feel about the Graham/Cassidy proposal. Call, email, and send messages via social media. All contact information is below.

### **Senator Bill Cassidy**

Click <u>here</u> for LA and Washington phone #s (scroll to bottom of page) You can also send an email directly from his website by clicking <u>here</u>.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/billcassidy

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#### **Senator John Kennedy**

Click here for LA and Washington phone #s (scroll to bottom of page)

You can also send an email directly from his website on that same webpage.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SenatorJohnKennedy/

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#### Need help on what to say?

State your name, where you live, and what Medicaid or healthcare services are important to you, or someone you know. Let the Senator or staff person know that the proposed cuts and caps to Medicaid in the Graham/Cassidy healthcare bill will be devastating to people with disabilities in Louisiana. Add any other opinion you have about the bill.

# **Confirm Your Action**

Don't forget to let us know you took action! Reply to this email or notify your <u>LaCAN</u> <u>Leader</u> to confirm your action.

Why confirm your action? This helps the Council know how effective we are in reaching you with this important information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

## **Contact Us**

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