

## **Disability Talking Points on American Health Care Act (AHCA)**

AHCA Per-Capita Medicaid Caps force States to cut services for disabled people who have high service needs.

- This will violate our constitutional rights to life and liberty by forcing us into institutional settings and putting our health at risk.
- Per-Capita Caps do not control costs; they just incentivize States to deny disabled people the services we require to survive and thrive.
- Per-Capita Caps have the effect of rationing health care. This proposal is death panels by another name.

AHCA tax credits will do nothing to help disabled people and others in poverty who cannot afford to pay for care in the first place.

- Poor people cannot afford the up-front costs of health insurance, and a tax credit in April 2020 will not put cash in the pockets of people who are too broke to buy health insurance in January 2019.
- The AHCA tax credits cut the ACA subsidies by over 2/3s in some cases, meaning that even lower-middle-class people who purchase health insurance will receive less assistance doing so than under ACA. This breaks the promises of Republicans including the President, who campaigned on the promise that the ACA repeal would result in cheaper and better plans than under the ACA.

AHCA sunsets Community First Choice, the major incentive for states to provide community-based services which enable disabled people and seniors to live in freedom in the community.

- Disabled people fought for years for the right to receive services and live in the community as equals.
- Eliminating these incentives will imprison many disabled people away in institutions where we will die of neglect at the mercy of others rather than directing our own lives and participating in the American Dream!

AHCA cuts the taxes of wealthy Americans by placing the American Dream out of reach of disabled people, poor people, and many seniors.

- AHCA trades the lives of the entire Disability Community for the pocketbooks of a few wealthy people.
- AHCA places the majority of the cost of health care on the people who can least afford it.