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## **American Academy of Nursing Statement on the Better Care Reconciliation Act**

**Washington, D.C. (June 27, 2017)** — The American Academy of Nursing urges the United States Congress to keep America covered. The Better Care Reconciliation Act will have a negative impact on the elderly and disabled who are able to live independently with home and community-based care, and on children who deserve preventive health care to start school healthy and strong and ready to learn.

The American public including women, those with pre-existing conditions, and those most in need deserve a health care system that delivers effective, convenient, affordable, personalized care to all patients and their families all across the country by qualified health providers including nurses.

Enacting mean-spirited legislation will be economically disastrous for families, including those with serious illness and the elderly, for communities with hospitals delivering uncompensated care, and for states experiencing a decline in Medicaid revenue.

The Better Care Reconciliation Act will *not* be a victory for the American people.

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