



RI General Assembly will convene in less than a week and we still don't know if they will act on health care!

It less then a week the RI House and Senate will reconvene to complete the the work they left unfinished in June. We have a chance to make sure the RI Market Stability and Consumer Protection Act makes it into law.

The Act **makes sure Rhode Islanders have the basic protections of the ACA (Obamacare) -- including for those with pre-existing conditions!** This will protect Rhode Islanders regardless of the ongoing threats to coverage in Washington, including efforts by the Administration to 'sabotage' the ACA. In June, the Act passed the RI Senate. Now, the RI House must take action when they reconvene in September.

What you can do:

1. **Even if you have already called, please call Speaker Mattiello at (401) 222-2466 AND Senate President Ruggiero at (401) 222-6655:** Tell them "I support the RI Market Stability & Consumer Protection Act (*House bill 6156 / Senate bill 831 SubA*) passed by the Senate in June. It must be on the agenda when the Assembly reconvenes on September 19th. It will make sure that we have the basic protections of the Affordable Care Act, regardless what might happen in Washington. Rhode Islanders need these protections.
2. **Pass this alert to others.**
3. **Learn more** -- some facts about the bill are below.

Here's why this Act is important!

The Market Stability & Consumer Protect Act places the protections of the Federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) into Rhode Island law that are currently at risk under Trumpcare legislation recently passed in the U.S. House of Representatives and being negotiated in the U.S. Senate. The Act adopts current insurance practices from the ACA, including:

- Guaranteeing coverage even for those with pre-existing conditions.
- Preventing insurers from charging more based on gender or health.
- Ensuring dependents up to age 26 can stay on their parent's plan.
- Requiring plans cover preventive services, maternity care, hospital stays, mental health and substance use treatment and other essential benefits.
- Limiting the amount older adults can be charged to 3 times the rate charged younger adults.
- Prohibiting annual limits and lifetime dollar caps on coverage.
- Requiring clear written explanations of insurance benefits.
- Improving RI's capacity to respond to potential change or repeal of the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid by establishing a working group of the Health Care Planning and Accountability Advisory Council to make policy recommendations for patient protections, insurance affordability, quality, and market stability.



Take Action SHARE YOUR STORY

Despite the defeat of Repeal & Replace in Congress, the threat to coverage under the Affordable Care Act remains very real. The stories of individual people like you are the most powerful counter to the misinformation and exaggerations put forward by those who want to take healthcare away. Please, [share your own story](#) about how quality, affordable coverage under the ACA impacts you. We must demand improvements to the ACA that will expand coverage and affordability for all.



This year, thousands of activists worked on legislation to disarm domestic abusers, guarantee earned sick days, adopt proven reforms to criminal justice, create a structure for worker owned co-ops, reduce toxic substances, protect health care, defend reproductive justice and more. After all of our advocacy and consensus building in the House and Senate, these bills remain in legislative limbo. Let's [show up for September's special legislative session](#) to make sure our work is finished!