

## **LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY - KATHLEEN HOLM, Chair**

Millions of Americans are at risk of losing access to affordable health care. With Affordable Care Act (ACA) premium subsidies set to expire on December 31, 2025, and Medicare's expanded telehealth coverage scheduled to end shortly thereafter, **Congress must introduce and pass bipartisan legislation** immediately to protect retirees, seniors, and working families. Allowing these provisions to lapse will result in steep premium increases beginning January 1, 2026, along with the loss of essential virtual care options for older adults—particularly those living in rural or medically underserved communities.

Use the links below and contact your elected officials immediately and insist that they present and advance bipartisan legislation that restores ACA premium assistance before the end-of-year deadline and provides permanent authorization for Medicare telehealth services.

**Remember, you are contacting YOUR OWN Representative and California Senators.** You will need to COPY AND PASTE the message into their online contact form. Though our "click and send" messages are great to target individual people, we can't use that format in this case.

**STEP 1** - Use this link to find contact information for your

Representative: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

**STEP 2** - Use this link to find contact information for our California

Senators: <https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>

### **SUGGESTED MESSAGE**

#### **URGENT ALERT: Protect Health Care Access**

Congress must not allow ACA subsidies to expire at the end of 2025, as millions of Americans cannot afford the sharp premium increases that will follow. Retirees and seniors also depend on Medicare telehealth, and letting these services end will severely limit access to necessary care, especially in rural and underserved areas. Senator Thune stated that the Senate would take up health-care legislation this month, and it is essential that Congress follow through. We urge you to act now, work across party lines, and immediately advance bipartisan legislation that restores ACA premium assistance and protects Medicare telehealth.

Sincerely,