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Health Bill Updates

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Wednesday, Congressmen Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Rob Bresnahan (R-PA), Ryan Mackenzie (R-PA), and Mike Lawler (R-PA), well-known moderate House Republicans, broke with party line to sign the discharge petition, which forced a vote on Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidies, including enhanced tax credits. With their signature, the petition reached 218 signatures, meaning that the House will hold the vote after the holiday recess.

On the same day, the House passed a partisan health care measure that includes some alternatives to extending the funding that conservatives in the House agree with. This bill includes funds to pay for “cost-sharing reductions,” an expansion of associated health plans, and reforms to the pharmacy benefit manager industry. However, this bill is unlikely to pass the Senate as these alternatives are unpopular with Senators.

On the Senate side, S.620 – Veterinary Services to Improve Public Health in Rural Communities Act was voted on and passed the Senate on December 15, 2025. The bill, which will “expand the support for public health veterinary services in tribal communities to address zoonotic infectious diseases,” was endorsed by the Navajo Nation when it was first introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK). The Navajo Nation Washington Office has been advocating for the passage of this bill on the Senate and will continue its advocacy on the House.

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