In breaking news from Washington this afternoon, Senate leadership has delayed an expected vote on the Senate’s health care reform proposal, the Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA), until after the July 4th recess.

However, urgent advocacy action is still needed to demand that lawmakers reject any health care reform effort that would increase costs, decrease coverage and weaken Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS) for older adults. As written, both the House and Senate bills to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and restructure the Medicaid program would undermine health care coverage and LTSS support for older adults.

As a resource for n4a members and Aging Network advocates and stakeholders, n4a has released a video update about what the Senate’s bill could mean for older adults. We encourage you to watch and listen to this presentation, and feel free to share it with your local advocacy stakeholders.
Advocacy Still Needed!

Now that Senate has postponed a vote on the BRCA, advocates MUST weigh in over the July 4 recess against the devastating cuts to Medicaid in the Senate and House bills.

We have updated the n4a #SaveMedicaid (www.n4a.org/savemedicaid) campaign page, and urge you to use these advocacy tools and resources to engage your grassroots and local partners while lawmakers are at home next week!

Watch today’s video, check out the n4a #SaveMedicaid campaign page and use n4a’s June 20 Advocacy Alert for ideas on how you can weigh in with your Members of Congress against these harmful health care proposals! Again, advocacy NOW is critical. We have only a couple of weeks to prevent devastating cuts to health and long-term care services for older adults.

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