



Statement of Support for H.R. 6514, the Worker Health Coverage Protection Act

April 24, 2020, Washington D.C. – The undersigned 29 organizations, representing millions of American patients and consumers with chronic and serious illnesses offer their strong support of [H.R. 6514](#), the Worker Health Coverage Protection Act.

“Last month, several of our organizations sent [a letter](#) to Congress encouraging lawmakers to extend high-quality coverage options for individuals who may have lost their employer sponsored health insurance as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We therefore applaud the introduction of H.R. 6514, which would provide subsidies to furloughed or terminated employees for the full cost of premiums for employer sponsored plans.

As more individuals lose coverage as a result of job loss, it will continue to be critical to retain coverage to adequately combat COVID-19. Patients, particularly those with high-cost conditions, are among the people most likely to have incurred substantial out-of-pocket spending this early in the calendar year. Allowing people to retain their employer sponsored coverage will ensure that patients have continuity of care, are able to continue to see their providers of choice, and afford their medications. Facilitating the extension of employer coverage also relieves such individuals from having to start a new plan, with new cost-sharing amounts and patient out-of-pocket contributions reset to zero.

This legislation would shield both employers and employees from financial stress. We therefore urge the Congress to pass this important legislation as part of the 4th COVID-19 legislative package.”

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National Hemophilia Foundation
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