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**Chairman Smith and Health Subcommittee Chairman Buchanan Announce  
Health Subcommittee Hearing on Why Health Care is Unaffordable:  
The Fallout of Democrats' Inflation on Patients and Small Businesses**

House Committee on Ways and Means Chairman Jason Smith (MO-08) and Health Subcommittee Chairman Vern Buchanan (FL-16) announced today that the Subcommittee on Health will hold a hearing to examine how inflation and high health care costs have impacted patients, small businesses, and independent medical providers alike across the country. The hearing will take place on **Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 2:00 pm in 1100 Longworth House Office Building.**

Members of the public may view the hearing via live webcast available at <https://waysandmeans.house.gov>. The webcast will not be available until the hearing begins.

In view of the limited time available to hear the witnesses, oral testimony at this hearing will be from invited witnesses only. However, any individual or organization not scheduled for an oral appearance may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and for inclusion in the printed record of the hearing.

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All submissions and supplementary materials must be submitted in a single document via email, provided in Word format and must not exceed a total of 10 pages. Please indicate the title of the hearing as the subject line in your submission. Witnesses and submitters are advised that the Committee relies on electronic submissions for printing the official hearing record.

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