

# Improving Health Care in America

*On the House Floor This Week: Ways and Means Legislation to Expand Health Care Options, Protect Taxpayer Dollars*

## Verify First Act

Under current law, Obamacare's subsidies can be dispersed without fully verifying a person's eligibility – including a person's legal status. As a result, taxpayer dollars are going toward those who are not legally eligible – jeopardizing access to help for those who truly need it.

*The Verify First Act*, sponsored Rep. Lou Barletta (R-PA):

- **Protects taxpayer dollars from waste, fraud, and abuse** by verifying a person's eligibility *before* they can receive financial support to purchase insurance – either with Obamacare's subsidies or with the *American Health Care Act's* monthly tax credits, when they take effect.
- **Builds off of the *American Health Care Act***, which expressly defines who is eligible to receive monthly tax credits and includes strong safeguards to prevent fraud and abuse.



## VETERAN Act

Under current law, people who are eligible to receive insurance through work or government programs – such as TRICARE, Medicare, or Medicaid – are not eligible to receive help to purchase health insurance in the individual insurance marketplace.

An existing regulation makes an exception for veterans – who are eligible for, but not enrolled in, insurance through the VA – so they have the support and flexibility to purchase insurance on the individual marketplace if they choose.

*The VETERAN Act*, sponsored by Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX):

- **Puts this regulation into law so veterans will continue to have access to help purchase health insurance** – with Obamacare's subsidies and the monthly tax credits provided by the *American Health Care Act*, when they take effect.



## Broader Options for Americans Act

Under current law, people who lose their job – or experience a similar qualifying life event – can continue using the health insurance they received through work (known as COBRA continuation coverage); however, they must pay the full premium costs – and sometimes more – without access to Obamacare’s subsidies.

*The Broader Options for Americans Act* (BOAA), sponsored by Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-OH):

- **Helps people who recently lost their job continue using the insurance they received through work** by providing access to the *American Health Care Act’s* monthly tax credits.
- **Applies to Americans who have similar coverage** provided through churches or other houses of worship.

