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## Statement from Peter V. Lee on the House Passage of the American Health Care Act

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Covered California Executive Director Peter V. Lee released the following statement following the U.S. House of Representatives passing the American Health Care Act:

“Today the House of Representatives took a significant step toward making what could be monumental changes to the U.S. health care system and the lives of millions of Americans. The passage by the House of the American Health Care Act is a first step in a long and ongoing process and will now move to the Senate, which will revise, amend and then take its own action on this proposal. Then, the House and Senate must seek to reach an agreement on their different approaches.

Covered California has been part of putting in place changes that have brought health care within reach of millions of Californians. We have analyzed the American Health Care Act, and as currently structured, it would greatly increase the ranks of the uninsured and increase costs for millions more. We will continue our work to both assess the potential impacts of new policies and focus on assuring that we administer the law that exists today.

The debate over the past six months have made crystal clear that changes in health care do not happen overnight. Consumers who have coverage today are protected and Covered California will keep our members informed of anything that impacts them. We will continue to engage to ensure that our experience in delivering high quality affordable health care informs the ongoing debate.”

### About Covered California

Covered California is the state’s health insurance marketplace, where Californians can find affordable, high-quality insurance from top insurance companies. Covered California is the only place where individuals who qualify can get financial assistance on a sliding scale to reduce premium costs. Consumers can then compare health insurance plans and choose the plan that works best for their health needs and budget. Depending on their income, some consumers may qualify for the low-cost or no-cost Medi-Cal program.

Covered California is an independent part of the state government whose job is to make the health insurance marketplace work for California's consumers. It is overseen by a five-member board appointed by the governor and the legislature. For more information about Covered California, please visit [www.CoveredCA.com](http://www.CoveredCA.com).

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