

Week 4: Legislation Grid and Testimony/ Advocacy Statement

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Legislation Grid Template

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The healthcare system is intricate and fraught with problems; several proposals are in the works to address these challenges. Hundreds of bills have been proposed at the federal and state levels. Most People rank healthcare as their top economic concern, highlighting the urgent need for accessible, affordable healthcare options (Singer et al., 2019). As part of the Health Care Affordability Act of 2019, it is suggested that the patient be provided with comprehensive cost information and other relevant financial data. Many have been unable to afford their medical bills due to the astronomical costs involved since accurate pricing information on medications has not been easily accessible prior to treatment (Keehan et al., 2020). The law also mandates that all parties involved in a healthcare transaction, including the healthcare provider, the patient, and any insurance companies, should all collaborate to ensure the delivery of quality care.

Health-related Bill Name	Health Care Affordability Act of 2019
Bill Number	H.R. 1868
Description	The Health Care Affordability Act of 2019, or House Resolution 1868 (H.R., 1868), was introduced during the 116th Congress (2019-2020) in the United States of America to help people get access to high-quality

	healthcare at a price they can afford. It does this by modifying the tax credit for low-income earners and cutting healthcare costs.
Federal or State?	Federal
Legislative Intent	House Resolution 1868's Section 2 states that the law was created to help low-income taxpayers whose family income falls within a certain range obtain health insurance at an affordable price (Galvani et al., 2020). It suggests changing the current tax code from 1986. The Illinois representative Lauren Underwood presented H.R. 1868 with the support of 39 other representatives.
Proponents/ Opponents	Proponents: Representative Underwood, Lauren
	Opponents: Government.
Target Population	The bill aims to ensure that all Americans, including those from low-income families, can access high-quality healthcare at a price they can afford (Martin et al., 2021). The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that 34 million Americans were poor in 2019. These numbers highlight this subset of the U.S. population and represents the primary focus of the legislation.

<p>Status of the bill (Is it in hearings or committees?)</p>	<p>The Ways and Means Committee in the House of Representatives is now responsible for considering the legislation; the sponsors must decide what steps to take next.</p>
<p>General Notes/Comments</p>	<p>The patient should be provided with full-cost data and other relevant financial information, as the bill proposes. Guaranteeing universal access to affordable, high-quality healthcare requires passing laws to address current barriers to providing it (Galvani et al., 2020). However, after these regulations are approved, it is crucial to ensure they are strictly adhered to and fully executed. Everyone has the freedom to choose their healthcare practitioner and treatment plan, regardless of how much it may cost. Nonetheless, it is essential to ensure that patients keep getting quality care. Unfortunately, the issues plaguing the United States healthcare system cannot be resolved by simply establishing price structures. Healthcare is a fundamental element of social security. Affordable, high-quality healthcare for all people is a human right. The astronomical price of medical care is one of the biggest problems facing the healthcare industry today.</p> <p>The bill suggests setting payment rates, particularly for persons not covered by insurance, to solve the issue of excessively high medical costs (Vanness et al., 2021). The purpose of the legislation is to give people more information so they may make educated decisions when</p>

	choosing a healthcare provider and plan. Healthcare providers have been accused of increasing patient costs by simply informing them of other, often more expensive, treatment choices. Most people do not realize there are cheaper therapeutic options available to them.
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PART 2: LEGISLATION TESTIMONY/ADVOCACY STATEMENT

I advocate for this healthcare bill for many reasons. As someone planning a career in healthcare, I believe that everyone should have access to high-quality medical care, regardless of their financial situation. I am confident this legislation will go a long way toward supporting the global community in realizing Sustainable Development Goal Three as set forth by the United Nations. At its core, nursing is about developing caring relationships with patients. Its primary purpose is to guarantee access to medical care for all people. I would be delighted if this law would be passed through the House and Senate.

Policymakers in this country should make the provision of compassionate care, leadership, and service their top priority. The well-being and ease of the American people must take precedence over anything else. Maybe other things will emerge in their place. Opponents of this bill need to understand that health, comfort, and safety cannot be sacrificed in the name of economics (Butkus et al., 2020). I appreciate the lawmakers' initiative in seeking out this kind of legislation, which will undoubtedly solve the difficulties of more than 34 million Americans. To ensure everyone has access to affordable, high-quality healthcare, more bills seeking to do so should be introduced to Congress. It is also important to suggest amendments to current laws and resolutions if this would give a voice to the country's underprivileged people. Finally, this

measure is a call to action for our nation's policymakers to consider, embrace, and pass on to benefit current and future generations of Americans.

Conclusion

The proposed Health Care Affordability Act of 2019 bill aims to ensure that all citizens in America have access to quality care regardless of their financial status. The bill aims at regulating taxes in the nation to ensure low-income earners are favored regarding healthcare. Providing quality care is fundamental to all people, which will help the nation achieve the sustainable development goals laid down by the United Nations. I highly advocate for this bill in my nursing profession because I would be happy to see my patients receive quality patient care despite their financial status. The implementation of such beneficial bills in healthcare should be prioritized to ensure the delivery of quality and patient care.

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