



Eating Disorders Coalition Opposes Administration’s Decision to Not Uphold the Affordable Care Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 26, 2019) – The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) disclosed a surprising reversal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit that the court should uphold the December judgment by Judge Reed O’Connor of the Federal District Court in Fort Worth, Texas that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) should be eliminated in its entirety. Previously, the DOJ only supported ending coverage for pre-existing conditions within the ACA.

Importantly, the DOJ does not have the authority to overturn the ACA and the law remains intact as the case continues to move through the courts. There is no question that total elimination of the health law would upend the U.S. health care system. Health coverage for millions of Americans would be lost, Medicaid expansion states would lose their funding, discrimination on the basis of health status and gender would no longer be prohibited, and many other protections the ACA has given Americans would cease to exist.

“It is unconscionable that the Trump Administration would not only fail to support a law that provides health coverage for millions of American families, but also not have an alternative plan in place,” said EDC Board President Chase Bannister, MDIV, MSW, LCSW, CEDS. “On May 7th, advocates from across the United States will arrive in Washington, D.C. for the EDC Capitol Hill Advocacy Day, and there is no question this will be on our legislative agenda—voicing our support for the ACA and its importance for those in our community.”

Despite the efforts of the Trump Administration to undermine the health care of Americans, Democrats from the U.S. House of Representatives unveiled a legislative package today that addresses the most pressing concerns for individuals and their families—protecting those with pre-existing conditions, maintaining essential health benefits, lowering the cost of monthly premiums, and decreasing out-of-pocket costs. The legislation seeks to not only support the ACA but also improve upon the health law.

The EDC continues to monitor the actions of the Trump Administration and Congress toward the ACA. To learn more about the Trump Administration’s decision click [here](#).

The Eating Disorders Coalition (EDC) is a Washington, D.C.-based, federal advocacy organization comprised of treatment providers, advocacy organizations, academics, parents of children with eating disorders and people experiencing eating disorders nationwide. Additional resources can also be found at www.eatingdisorderscoalition.org.###