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Meetings & Events

May 2017

5/11	3:30pm	Committeeperson Mtg. E-Board Mtg.
5/15	6 pm	Q-C Fed Delegates Mtg @Local 25
5/16	6:20am	Regular Business Mtg
	7:20am	" " "
	3:20pm	" " "
	6:20pm	" " "
	11:20pm	" " "
5/17	12 noon	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
	3 pm	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
5/18	12 noon	Local 105 Retirees Potluck

All meetings @ USW Local 105 Union Hall
Unless designated otherwise

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House Republicans Vote To Take Health Insurance Away From 24 Million People - 05-05-17

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By Doug Cunningham

217 House Republicans Thursday voted to take health insurance away from 24 million people. That's how many people the Congressional Budget Office says will lose health insurance if Obamacare is repealed.

Not a single House Democrat voted for this.

The bill cuts taxes for the rich. It eliminates required essential coverages like hospitalization, prescription drugs, mental health care, and maternity care.

The Trump and House Republican bill cuts health insurance subsidies, hikes out of pocket costs and raises premium costs on older people. It lets states end requirements that insurance companies provide insurance to people with pre-existing

conditions. And people with pre-existing conditions will pay more.

The U.S. Senate is not expected to rush its vote on this bill.

Progressive Democrats of America Executive Director Donna Smith says Medicare for all is the healthcare we really need.

And she says California and New York can show the way.

[Donna Smith]: "Now California and New York gotta lead the way. Show the nation how we're gonna make this happen. And California's bill will be just fabulous for the country and for Californians in particular.

Now is the time for all of us to really say Medicare for all's the only way to solve this problem."

Buck Knives for Sale

We now have Buck Knives for sale in either black or camouflage with "USW Local 105" engraved on the blade. One of these gems can be yours for the price of \$30.

You Can Use Twitter Without An Account

By Charlie Averill, SOAR Sec/Treas

A lot of web sites require an account but with Twitter, this isn't the case. Twitter has a lot of good information on it but you don't need to log on or even have an account to use it. All you have to do is go to www.twitter.com and disregard "log on" or "sign in" but simply start using it.

So, why would you even want to Twitter? Well, once you're on the Twitter page, just locate the search bar in the upper right hand corner and type in the name of your congressman or search a particular subject or search for Steelworkers, or whatever else suits your fancy. So you see, you don't have to remember a user name or password to use Twitter, we all can use Twitter.



Leo W. Gerard
International President

May 3, 2017

VIA EMAIL

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the members of the United Steelworkers union (USW), I continue to urge you to oppose the American Health Care Act (AHCA), despite proposed amendments. This legislation will adversely affect every American's health insurance benefits including workplace plans, Medicare, Medicaid, and the individual market.

This harmful and partisan legislation will cause tens of millions to lose insurance coverage over the next decade. Deductibles and premiums are expected to rise. In short, rather than reducing costs of health care, this bill will simply shift costs to working Americans and their families while cutting taxes for the wealthy and corporations.

The MacArthur Amendment allows states to opt out of certain protections under the Affordable Care Act such as the requirements that insurers provide plans with a minimum package of services and don't discriminate against people with pre-existing conditions. The amendment also lets states allow insurance companies to charge older people up to five times what they charge younger people. This amendment will allow for an uneven patchwork of insurance coverage across the country and will make insurance cost prohibitive for many working and retired Americans. Although lawmakers are working to address the treatment of individuals with pre-existing conditions, none of the proposals have adequately addressed the costs associated with removal of the Affordable Care Act's protections for those individuals.

Overall, the AHCA is a transfer of wealth from working Americans to the very wealthy and to corporations including the pharmaceutical industry, insurance companies, and medical device manufacturers. It removes taxes on the very wealthy and on corporations, giving the wealthiest 400 household an average tax cut of about \$7 million each. Meanwhile, the bill retains the "Cadillac Tax" which puts the burden of the cost of this legislation squarely on the backs of middle class working families.

Most of our members are covered under employer-negotiated insurance plans. However, the AHCA removes the employer-mandate included in the Affordable Care Act. This dramatically changes the incentive and landscape for employer-sponsored insurance, which threatens the system that provides insurance for millions of hard-working Americans. CBO estimated that 7 million people will lose their workplace coverage as a result of this bill.

The AHCA also undoes protections and assistance for older Americans and our members who are retirees with dramatically increased out-of-pocket costs to Americans who are older but not yet eligible for Medicare. For those who will or currently rely on Medicare this bill reduces the solvency of the program by three years by repealing taxes on the wealthy and on corporations.

Additionally, this bill makes perilous cuts to Medicaid which provides health care to low-income Americans who have been laid off, work at low-paying jobs, are disabled, or are elderly. This will strain already limited state budgets, restrict the needy Americans who are eligible for assistance, and eliminate needed services.

Our members who work in the health care industry may also be affected by job losses and strained budgets caused by the passage of this bill. Providers (our employers) may be subjected to lower reimbursement rates from state Medicaid programs as a result of the federal cuts. Also, the costs of uncompensated care will rise as millions of Americans lose health insurance but still need health care treatment for illnesses and injuries. Once again, hard-working middle class health care workers will have to bear the costs of this harmful legislation.

The amendments to the bill do not change the fundamental flaws in the legislation enough to make it worthy of your support. Harmful tax cuts are retained, and the bill would not do anything to reduce costs or to prevent Americans from losing health insurance—in fact, this bill would make those problems worse.

The American Health Care Act is a harmful piece of legislation that does not solve the problems in our current health insurance system. Despite amendments, the costs of this bill would still be borne by working families, making health care less affordable and less accessible. The United Steelworkers strongly opposes the AHCA and we urge you to vote against it.

Sincerely,

Leo W. Gerard
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International President

LWG/cck

Veteran's Social Event

3-7pm Thursday May 11th 2017
@ the Main Event 3819 State St. in Bettendorf

Everyone is welcome Vet or not! Hourly, Salaried, Retirees or anyone who wants to find out more about our group.

Please join us. We will be discussing the Flag planting event to be held May 25th on the Arsenal

We will also be taking donations to support "Vet's for Vet's"
Helping local Vietnam Veterans chapters

Any questions contact
Lyle Anderson 459-1408
Bart 459-1700

105 Contest Continues

This week's number for direct deposit users to add to the cents of their deposit amount is 76. If the sum totals 105 you win a free T-shirt



CINCO DE MAYO

Walking Tacos for Vets in front of the Main Cafeteria

Come join us Friday, May 5th and
Saturday, May 6th
For Walking Taco

All proceeds go to the Vets For Vets and the Heart Association (Go Red)

We will have a 50/50 Drawing
And donated Bake Goods

Sponsored By Veterans Group/Women of Steel and AWN

Serving Time: Friday
10 am – 12 pm
5 pm – 7:30 pm

Serving Time Saturday
1 am – 3 am
10 am – 12 pm
5 pm – 7:30 pm

Thanks Received:

"Thank you for the retirement gifts and many years of representation. It's been fun working with you all. Have a safe career at Arconic." Laurel Summers (Rolling Dept Retiree)

"Thanks to U.S.W. Local 105 for 33 years of union representation and for the jacket, watch, and hat. Thanks to my co-workers for the nice send off party for me. Its been great working with all of you. Best of Luck to Arconic and the U.S.W. and it's members." - Rick McCombs (Plate Mill Retiree)

With Deepest Sympathy:

The Family of:

Kimberly Calsyn (Keith Crew's Mother in Law)

