

March 23, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-230, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader McConnell and Leader McCarthy:

**As you continue working to address the Coronavirus pandemic, we urge policymakers to temporarily de-couple Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) from high-deductible health plans (HDHPs) as has been proposed by Senator Cruz and Congressman Budd in the Pandemic Healthcare Access Act.**

This proposal will help mitigate the public health crisis by allowing Americans in Medicare, Affordable Care Act health plans, TRICARE, the VA, Indian Health Service and any employer plan to use HSAs. It will also help individuals pay for their deductible or any increased health care costs, allow HSA funds to pay for direct primary care, and allow telemedicine below the deductible.

HSAs are currently used by almost 30 million American families and individuals. They empower healthcare mobility and choice, reduce taxes, and are a powerful tool for savings.

However, there is currently a mandate that any American wanting to open or contribute to an HSA must be on a high-deductible health plan. This restricts how funds can be spent and which plans qualify for an HSA.

Ending this mandate would give millions of individuals and families access to a portable, tax-advantaged savings vehicle, that can be used on healthcare expenses. This will especially benefit high-risk populations like seniors that consume greater levels of care.

Suspending the HSA HDHP mandate will help strengthen public health and ensure that Americans have access to the care they need at a time when they are required to self-quarantine to prevent mass infection. As you continue working to mitigate this pandemic, we hope you will support this request.

Sincerely,

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