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From: David Hebert

Re: Update on Health Care Reform Legislation

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Regarding the latest developments on health care reform, the House of Representatives took the first steps towards passage of a final health care reform bill earlier this week. The House Budget Committee passed a placeholder reconciliation bill, the *Health Care and Education Affordability Act of 2010* (H.R. 4872) on March 15. House Leadership plans to strip out the contents of that bill and insert the changes to the Senate health care reform bill, the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (H.R. 3590), as detailed in the attachments. On March 18, the House Rules Committee released the text of these modifications starting the 72 hour clock leading up to the House vote. The attached document outlines the issues contained in the reconciliation legislation which impact long term care. It is important to note that the reconciliation bill is amending the Senate bill for a summary, click [here](#).

Later this weekend, most likely Sunday night, AHCA/NCAL understands that two votes will be held by the House. The first vote will be on a resolution governing the rules of debate for the reconciliation bill which, if passed, will effectively pass the Senate bill as well. The second vote will be on the reconciliation bill itself.

If both votes are successful, early next week the President is expected to sign the Senate health care reform bill into law and the Senate will take up the reconciliation bill, where Republicans are expected to mount strenuous opposition.

AHCH/NCAL remains active on Capitol Hill this weekend as we continue our vigorous advocacy for the long term care sector.