

# Nebraska State Legislature



April 15, 2020

The Honorable Deb Fischer

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The Honorable Adrian Smith

The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry

The Honorable Don Bacon

Dear Members of the Nebraska Congressional Delegation,

Health care is the focus of the nation and of Nebraskans during these difficult times. Today we write to request your advocacy to the Trump Administration to re-open the Affordable Care Act Marketplace to provide access to health care for uninsured and underinsured Nebraskans.

Nebraskans need immediate help. We are facing a record surge in unemployment. The administration must reopen the Affordable Care Act enrollment period to ensure that everyone who needs it has access to health insurance.

The American Association of Health Insurance Plans and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association have advocated for this change to cover more Americans. The administration has reopened the marketplace in the past in response to natural disasters and should do so now.

Nebraskans who buy their own insurance must purchase a policy during the regular open enrollment period in the fall. If they do not buy a plan and do not qualify for a special enrollment period, they cannot obtain health insurance from the exchange until the next open enrollment. The marketplace should be reopened to help people without insurance and those with short-term health insurance that does not offer comprehensive benefits. Other states, such as Maryland and Washington saw thousands of applications from people seeking health insurance coverage after opening their state marketplace.

Please urge the Trump Administration to reopen the Affordable Care Act Marketplace so that Nebraskans seeking health insurance during the global coronavirus pandemic may access the health care they need.

Sincerely,



Senator Carol Blood  
District #3



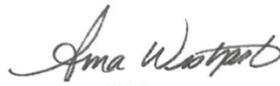
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