

**Response of Eleanor D. Lederer, MD, FASN,
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Regarding the Release of the Revised Better Care Reconciliation Act
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Yesterday, Senate Republicans released an updated version of the Better Care Reconciliation Act that is intended to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Unfortunately, the revised bill fails to address significant shortcomings present in the original bill and will adversely impact the health of millions of Americans, including those with kidney diseases.

The revised version of BCRA will not achieve the important goals outlined in ASN's Guiding Principles for Health Reform, which are shared by patient groups and other health professional organizations. The revised bill does not address the specific concerns ASN raised in its letter to Senate leadership in response to the release of the initial version of the bill, concerns that have been underscored by many members of the healthcare community.

More than 40 million Americans have kidney diseases and almost 700,000 have complete kidney failure. Like all Americans, patients with kidney diseases deserve access to high-quality, patient-centered healthcare, regardless of their socioeconomic status or where they live. The revised version of BCRA does not meet the needs of the American people, so ASN cannot support this bill.