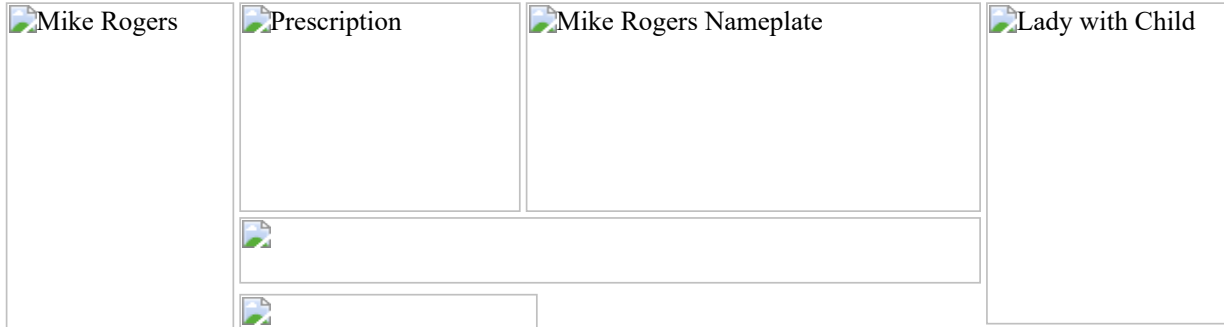


From: Congressman Mike Rogers
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Subject: Health Insurance Update



I write to update you on efforts to reform the health insurance industry in Congress. I appreciate the opportunity to contact you.

As Congress continues to debate health reform legislation, there is one area where Democrats, Republicans and Independents all agree - now is the time to reform health insurance.

One important reform that Congress must take action on is the insurance practice of "rescission." This happens when an insurance company cancels a patient's coverage after they become sick. These cancelations should only happen when someone deliberately lies about a disease or condition they have.

Unfortunately, some insurance companies have abused this practice. I have heard many heartbreaking stories about patients being denied care after they get sick. For example, one insurance company cancelled a patient's coverage as he was on his way to the emergency room - simply because he did not report his weight correctly on an insurance form. In another case, a woman was about to get treatment for breast cancer when her insurance company terminated her policy because she forgot to declare a case of acne. One patient had her coverage cancelled for a disease she didn't even know she had.

This practice is wrong, and it must be stopped. Patients deserve the peace of mind that their health insurance coverage will be there when they need it the most. No one should have their benefits cancelled because of a typo on an insurance form.

I introduced legislation which would put an end to these abuses. The American Health Care Solutions Act (H.R. 3713) would prohibit insurance companies from terminating health coverage unless there was proof of fraud. This is a bipartisan plan which would protect patients and hold insurance companies accountable.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to contact you. You can read more about my health reform legislation by visiting my website at mikerogers.house.gov. You can also follow my efforts on [YouTube](#) (RepMikeRogers) and [Facebook](#) (Mike J. Rogers). Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,



Mike Rogers
Member of Congress

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