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Louisiana Consumer Healthcare Coalition (LCHC) Commends Senator Landrieu's Call to Pass Health Care Reform Now!

Group Also Highlights the Number of Louisiana Residents Who Would Gain Coverage if the Health Reform Bill Passes

BREAUX BRIDGE, LA. – Moriba Karamoko, Director of Louisiana Consumer Healthcare Coalition (LCHC), praised the release of a [statement](#) by Senator Mary Landrieu calling for senate passage of health care reform before the holiday recess. “Senator Landrieu is clearly rejecting the tactics of her senate colleagues who seek to prevent a timely vote on the senate health reform bill”, Karamoko says. “This is good news for people in Louisiana, according to a [report](#) released today by Families USA”, Karamoko goes on to note.

Most notably, the Families USA report on the Senate bill, “At a Crossroads,” notes the following:

- The number of people in Louisiana to gain coverage by 2019 under the Senate health reform bill is 554,000; and
- The number of people in Louisiana expected to lose coverage by 2019 if the bill fails to pass is 143,000.

Most of the gains in coverage are due to the bill's provisions for Medicaid expansion, premium subsidies for moderate income individuals, and elimination of coverage denials based on preexisting conditions.

Finally, the report makes it clear that people in Louisiana will benefit greatly from passage of the senate bill. Moreover, “as Senator Landrieu has come to realize the cost of doing nothing is too much for people in Louisiana to pay”, Says Moriba Karamoko of Louisiana Consumer Healthcare Coalition.

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Louisiana Consumer Healthcare Coalition (LCHC) is a group of organizations committed to realizing a consumer-centered health care system that provides comprehensive, affordable, quality care for everyone, especially the most vulnerable. We work to achieve this through multi-disciplinary, collaborative efforts in public policy, advocacy, education and service to consumers in Louisiana.

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