

Statement from the American Lung Association in Support of Legislation Repealing 1332 Guidance

The American Lung Association supports Representative Kuster’s legislation that will prevent the implementation of the “State Relief and Empowerment Waivers” guidance. The American Lung Association strongly opposes this guidance, recognizing that it allows states to undermine quality and affordable healthcare for patients with lung disease.

The guidance allows states to take away critical protections for patients with pre-existing conditions, instead pushing them towards plans that provide inadequate coverage, such as short-term limited duration plans, which do not provide the coverage patients with chronic lung diseases need to manage their disease.

The American Lung Association urges Congress to pass this legislation that will repeal this misguided and dangerous guidance that serves to further erode protections for lung disease patients.

American Lung Association Opposes Short-Term Limited Duration Rule

The American Lung Association also opposes the Administration’s short-term limited rule, released in August 2018. The American Lung Association recognizes that short-term plans will not offer sufficient healthcare coverage for those living with a lung disease such as asthma, lung cancer or COPD. Lung disease patients need access to treatment to be able to breathe. This is a reckless course of action that will negatively impact the health of patients around the country.