



National Alliance for Hispanic Health

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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The National Alliance for Hispanic Health (the Alliance) is committed to ensuring access for the uninsured and underinsured under ACA, but remains concerned that some policies being implemented do not reflect one voice that carries out the vision you have set out for the implementation of ACA. Two specific examples are below:

- (1) The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy you issued has recognized young people who were brought into this country as children by their parents without legal status and provided a process for lawful work authorization. However, Secretary Sebelius decided that for purposes of ACA they cannot buy insurance in the exchanges nor participate in any way in the ACA despite the law specifically allowing participation of non-citizens who are “lawfully present in the United States.”
- (2) The tax credit under ACA was intended to help families defray the costs of buying employer offered health insurance. Persons who paid more than 9.5% of their income for insurance would receive the tax credit. However, the IRS ruled that the calculation will be computed only on the basis of the cost of an individual plan and not the cost of a family plan. This denies the tax credit for those who need it the most.

We encourage you to reverse these regulatory decisions so that your Administration speaks in one voice, your voice, the voice that supports children and families. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) represents an historic opportunity to improve the lives of American families and ensure the best health outcomes for all. We look forward to working with you to support efforts that keep America strong and productive by protecting all our children and families.

Sincerely,

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