

**Health Care Reform Update from the Respect Life Office:
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The position of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops remains as it has been from the start of this discussion: Health care reform is an urgent moral priority, and any authentic reform measure will promote access to health care for all, be fair to immigrants, and respect human life and rights of conscience.

The bill passed by the Senate fails this test, primarily due to its defects on abortion, and the bishops have said that bill should be opposed unless and until it is changed to reflect our moral principles. For more information on what the Bishops have said, go to:
www.usccb.org/healthcare/official_documents.shtml#letters.

A new fact sheet from the USCCB outlining abortion problems in the Senate bill is available [here](#). The fact sheet is especially timely because some House members are trying to deny that the Senate bill even has an abortion funding problem.

Catholics are encouraged to remind our Congressional delegation that any health care reform must reflect our moral principles on life and conscience, or it will be vigorously opposed.

Complete information on health care reform from a Catholic perspective is available at

<http://www.usccb.org/healthcare/>