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Coalition Plans National Call-In to Stop Devastating Health Plan Bill

(Arlington, Va. – April 27, 2006)—The American Chiropractic Association (ACA), along with a diverse coalition of labor unions, health care and consumer groups, is asking Americans to join a massive national grassroots call-day to stop U.S. Senate bill 1955, also known as the “Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act”

On May 3, Americans are being asked to call the Senate Switchboard at **1-800-828-0498** and urge their Senators to **VOTE NO on S. 1955**, the Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Michael Enzi (R-Wyo.), attempts to expand health care access and reduce insurance costs through the creation of small business health plans. These plans, frequently called association health plans, offer insurance coverage purchased through non-profit organizations on behalf of the small businesses that make up their memberships.

However, if passed, the bill would take the unprecedented path of preempting state insurance laws. As a result, consumers may no longer have coverage for key health care benefits including screenings for breast, cervical, colorectal and prostate cancer, well-child care, maternity care, emergency services, mental health parity, diabetes supplies and chiropractic care.

Moreover, S. 1955 also would preempt stronger state laws that limit the ability of insurers to vary premiums based on health status, age, gender and geography. For many older Americans and those with complex health needs and disabilities, this would price them out of the health insurance market.

A partial list of organizations supporting the May 3 call-in are AARP, AFL-CIO, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Cancer Society, American Chiropractic Association, American Diabetes Association, American Nurses Association, American Optometric Association, American Psychological Association, Families USA, Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, National Partnership for Women and Families, and the Small Business Majority.

For more information, and to take action on this issue, visit the ACA web Site at www.acatoday.org.

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