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CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is deeply concerned about millions of elderly Americans whose health is at risk and who live in fear of economic devastation as a result of catastrophic illness.

We urge Congress to enact legislation as soon as possible for a comprehensive health care bill to relieve the financial burden of the elderly and their families.

We further urge that such legislation include provisions for health insurance which will cover short and long-term hospitalization, custodial care in nursing homes, and long-term home care, as well as prescription drugs.