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World Health Assembly: Health in the 2030 Agenda

WHA continues to push for universal health coverage

GENEVA, Switzerland — Delegates to the World Health Assembly, the governing body of the World Health Organization (WHO), have encouraged nations to progress toward universal health coverage as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. While the pursuit of universal coverage is not new, it is a strong indication of where world leaders in health will prioritize their efforts in the new 2030 Agenda.

“The World Health Assembly again today demonstrated its commitment to prioritize health care for all human beings with a renewed call to fortify national health systems as it moves toward universal health coverage,” said Scott Fischbach, Executive Director of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Global Outreach (MCCL GO), from Geneva.

Nation after nation spoke out in favor of a resolution urging universal health coverage (EB138.R5) while a report by the Secretariat of WHO was being considered by delegates. The report, Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, includes the Declaration for the new Agenda which states, “To promote physical and mental health and well-being and to extend life expectancy for all, we must achieve universal health coverage and access to quality health care. No one must be left behind.”

“MCCL Global Outreach urges world health leaders to truly embrace health care equity as expressed in the Declaration of the Agenda and to ‘leave no one behind,’ at any stage of human development. Human beings should have access to life-affirming health care—with extra care and protection for those who are most vulnerable,” Fischbach concluded.

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