

# **ADVOCATE CALL SHEET**

**CALL DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

## **PURPOSE OF YOUR CALL**

To encourage your State Senator to support commonsense solutions that help working South Carolinians who cannot afford private health insurance but earn too much to qualify for assistance. Please call your State Senator ONLY. We will call House members in the near future.

This call should be about work, responsibility, and keeping communities healthy...while avoiding political pitfalls/traps/entanglements, which means **not** specifically mentioning Medicaid Expansion as it is a trigger for too many people.

## **Steps to take to make the call:**

1. Choose from Call Script Options
2. Call your STATE SENATOR (Link to find your State Senator)

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?chamber=S>

### **Or here**

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php>

3. Let us know you made the call by emailing us at [info@coversc.org](mailto:info@coversc.org)

## **WHO YOU'RE CALLING**

Call your State Senator's official statehouse office phone number. Depending on the time of day of your call, you'll likely speak with a staff member, so leave a message. Voicemails matter as well.

## **KEY MESSAGE (IN PLAIN TERMS)**

- Many South Carolinians work full-time, pay taxes, and play by the rules.
- Too many of these workers earn too much to qualify for assistance...but too little to afford insurance.
- Without coverage, they delay, modify, or simply do not get care, which hurts families, employers, and local hospitals, and drives up the long-term cost of healthcare.
- We want the Legislature to address this issue this session.

**CALL SCRIPT OPTIONS** (Choose the one that feels most natural to you)

**OPTION 1: Working Families Focus**

*Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_, and I live in (Town) in Senator (X's) district.*

*I'm calling to ask Senator (X) to support solutions that help working South Carolinians who fall into the healthcare gap and can't afford coverage.*

*These are people who work hard, pay taxes, and are doing the right thing — but they have no realistic healthcare options.*

*I hope the Senator will work with colleagues to address this issue during the session.*

*I can leave my name and number or you can just pass this along to Senator (X). Thank you.*

**OPTION 2: Workforce & Economy Focus**

*Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_ and I live in (Town) in Senator (X's) district.*

*I'm calling about access to affordable healthcare for working adults.*

*There are lots of people in this area who can't seem to afford basic care or prescriptions, it becomes harder to stay healthy and stay on the job.*

*I'm calling to ask Senator (X) to support policies that help working people stay employed and productive by providing them affordable options for healthcare.*

*Thank you for your time.*

**OPTION 3: Community & Hospitals Focus (maybe focus this script on rural areas?)**

*Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_ and I live in (Town) in Senator (X's) district.*

*I'm calling about healthcare access for working people in our community.*

*When people delay care because they don't have coverage, it puts a real strain on our local emergency rooms and hospitals.*

*I hope Senator (X) will engage on solutions that strengthen our healthcare system and help working families. Thank you.*

**OPTION 4: Short Voicemail Version**

*Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling to ask Senator \_\_\_\_ to support efforts to help working South Carolinians who fall into the healthcare gap and can't afford coverage. I hope the Legislature will address this issue this session. Thank you.*

## **OTHER MISCELLANEOUS NOTES**

- **NOTE: Please do not reference Cover SC.** We would like you to either reference your own organization or as a concerned constituent.
- **Don't use the terms "Medicaid expansion," "Obamacare," or bill numbers**
- Emphasize working, employed, tax-paying South Carolinians.
- Always be respectful and calm and try to not argue, explain a lot, or debate.
- Thank staffers (by name if possible) for their time
- These staffers hear about bill numbers all day long. Just remember, you are not asking for a specific vote today...just leadership and engagement on a real problem facing working South Carolinians.
- Input personal stories. Examples: talk about the strain on hospitals would be great coming from someone who works at a local hospital...or whose daughter is a nurse there and sees the stress in the ER first hand...or a son that works in construction and can't afford insurance because he's single...

## **LINK TO SOCIAL MEDIA POST FOR IMMEDIATE SHARING**

Cover SC Post:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=836956632711956&set=a.164854863255473>

## **SOCIAL MEDIA SAMPLE POST**

We are thrilled to join health advocates around South Carolina for an Advocacy Call Day 📞 on February 17th!

We invite all members, organizations, and friends - anyone in SC - to call your South Carolina State Senator's office on February 17th and ask them to support commonsense solutions that help working South Carolinians who earn too much to qualify for assistance but cannot afford private health insurance.

Need help with the call? You can find a handful of scripts in our Call Guide below along with tips and info on how to reach your STATE Senator.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/18A8XohYipJkt\\_R2\\_tWWtguCg7enuASes/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=104671122453392009404&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18A8XohYipJkt_R2_tWWtguCg7enuASes/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=104671122453392009404&rtpof=true&sd=true)

Please make your call on Feb 17, 2026 and invite your coworkers, friends, neighbors, and peers across the state. We hope to reach each and every State Senator on February 17th to get the ball rolling for 2026, and we can't do it without your help!

