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Pundits and politicians across the country have declared health insurance reform dead over and over again. It was dead in August. It was dead in September. And yet today we find ourselves closer than ever to meaningful reform.

The recent passage of health insurance reform legislation in the House signals yet another first, and yet another important step toward the ultimate goal of providing affordable, accessible insurance for Americans. Never before has health insurance reform legislation passed either chamber of Congress.

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