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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 22515

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer,

The members of the Modern Medicaid Alliance (MMA) and its supporters write to you today to express deep concerns and opposition to many of the policies contained in the Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committee's portion of H.R. 1, the reconciliation bill passed by the House on May 22. In light of these concerns, we urge all Senators to reject the Medicaid provisions included in the House reconciliation package and protect the Medicaid program from the harmful funding cuts it proposes.

Since its creation in 1965, Medicaid has provided access to health care for Americans in need. At its creation, the program was much simpler with many fewer covered lives and a much more limited list of covered services. Importantly, however, over the past 60 years, the Medicaid program has evolved and grown, adding new services to reflect the current health care system as well as extending coverage to more Americans who experience challenges obtaining access to adequate health insurance. These changes allow the Medicaid program to remain a vital lifeline to care for Americans, just as it was in 1965.

While the policies contained in this bill are presented as rooting out waste, fraud and abuse or preserving it for those the program was intended for, the reality is that cutting upwards of \$700 billion from the program will do real harm to all enrollees and among all providers. According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the bill would result in coverage losses for approximately 11 million people by 2034 — with more than 7.8 million of those individuals losing Medicaid coverage.¹ Such losses in coverage could lead to significant destabilization of hospitals and providers, with some studies suggesting a total of \$1 trillion in lost revenue and a projected increase in uncompensated care of \$278 billion by 2034, before taking into account the reductions in provider taxes or impacts of other eligibility policies.²

This bill negatively modifies longstanding legal funding mechanisms utilized by states to maintain stable Medicaid coverage and benefits while also imposing new, massively bureaucratic mechanisms that will result in unprecedented coverage loss, specifically:

- New bureaucratic barriers on enrollment and eligibility that will unintentionally harm and impact coverage and benefits for **eligible** Medicaid enrollees;
- Increases in uncompensated care through misguided limits on retroactive coverage;
- Limitations on provider taxes and state-directed payments that will undermine states' ability to fund their Medicaid programs and will negatively impact coverage and access to care;
- Work requirements that replicate previously tried, ineffective and misguided policies, leading to few changes in employment and an administrative mess for states, individuals, families and caregivers; and
- Harmful cost-sharing provisions that will make it harder for millions of low-income Americans to access care they need and shift undue costs onto safety net providers.

¹ <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/61461>

² <https://www.rwjf.org/en/insights/our-research/2025/05/reconciliation-bill-and-end-of-enhanced-subsidies.html>



Together, the policies contained in the House bill have the potential to harm millions of low-income, older adults, children, pregnant women, disabled and rural Americans. Instead of improving the Medicaid program, the result would dramatically reduce federal funding by erecting unnecessary administrative barriers and reducing funding by changing longstanding, lawful mechanisms. For these reasons, we urge all Senators to reject any cuts to the Medicaid program and ensure continued access to health care for millions of Americans.

Sincerely,

AAP California Chapter 1
AAP Vermont Chapter
AARP
AASA, The School Superintendents Association
Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy
ADVION (formerly National Association for the Support of Long Term Care)
AiArthritis
Alabama Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention
Alliance of Community Health Plans
America's Physician Groups
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Nursing
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Pediatrics South Dakota Chapter
American Academy of Pediatrics, California Chapter 3
American Academy of Pediatrics, California
American Academy of Pediatrics, District of Columbia Chapter
American Ambulance Association
American Association for Community Psychiatry
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Association of People with Disabilities
American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists
American Association on Health and Disability
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American Diabetes Association
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
American Mental Health Counselors Association
American Music Therapy Association
American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR)
American Nurses Association
American Psychological Association Services
American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
AmeriHealth Caritas
Anxiety and Depression Association of America
Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Arthritis Foundation



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Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness
Association for Community Affiliated Plans
Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE)
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Black Women's Health Imperative
Caregiver Action Network
Caring Across Generations
Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation
Center for Medicare Advocacy
Center to Advance Palliative Care
Changent
CHC: Creating Healthier Communities
Children's Hospital Association
Color of Gastrointestinal Illnesses
CommunicationFIRST
Community Catalyst
Community Servings
COPD Foundation
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Diabetes Leadership Council
Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition
Disability Belongs
Easterseals, Inc.
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Faces & Voices of Recovery
Families USA
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Florida Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics, Inc.
Food Is Medicine Coalition
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research (FSR)
Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Gerontological Society of America
Global Liver Institute
Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network
Health Care Transformation Task Force
Health Hats
Healthcare Leadership Council
Healthy Schools Campaign
HealthyWomen
Hearing Loss Association of America
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association
Hemophilia Alliance
Hemophilia Federation of America
HIV Medicine Association
Huntington's Disease Society of America
Hydrocephalus Association
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association
IC&RC



Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Infusion Access Foundation
Inseparable
Institute for Exceptional Care
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses
International Society of Psychiatric Nurses
Iowa Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Justice in Aging
Kaiser Permanente
Kansas Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics
Kentucky Chapter of the AAP
L.A. Care
Lakeshore Foundation
LeadingAge
Lifelong Health for All
Little Lobbyists
Local Health Plans of California
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lupus Foundation of America
Lutheran Services in America
Maine Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Maryland Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Maryland Counseling Association, Inc.
Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA)
Medicare Rights Center
Mental Health America
Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance (MANNA)
Michigan Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Minnesota Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Mississippi Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Montana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Mosaic
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)
National Adult Day Services Association
National Alliance for Caregiving
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association for Behavioral Healthcare
National Association of Dental Plans (NADP)
National Association Of Emergency Technicians
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Rural Health Clinics
National Bleeding Disorders Foundation
National Board for Certified Counselors
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship
National Consumers League
National Council for Mental Wellbeing
National Council on Problem Gambling
National Federation of Families
National Health Council
National Health Law Program
National Hispanic Health Foundation



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National Infusion Center Association
National Kidney Foundation
National Organization on Disability (NOD)
National Register of Health Service Psychologists
National Rural Health Association
North Carolina Pediatric Society
Nebraska Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
New Hampshire Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
New Hampshire Psychological Association
New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
New Mexico Pediatric Society
North Atlantic Region of ACA
North Dakota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Nurses Who Vaccinate
New York State AAP - Chapter 2
New York State AAP - Chapter 3
Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Oregon Pediatric Society
PAN Foundation
Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease
Pennsylvania Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Pennsylvania Psychological Association
Providence
Relevance
Santa Clara Family Health Plan
School-Based Health Alliance
South Carolina Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Speak Foundation
Susan G. Komen
TASC, Inc. (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities)
TASH
Technical Assistance Collaborative
Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
The American Counseling Association
The Arc of the United States
The Kennedy Forum
The Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Treatment Communities of America
Triage Cancer
UnidosUS
United Spinal Association
Utah AAP
Utah Health Policy Project
Virginia Counselors Association
Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Well Spouse Association
West Virginia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Wisconsin Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (WIAAP)