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## **Partnership for Medicaid Calls on Senate to Protect Medicaid**

(WASHINGTON, DC) - The Partnership for Medicaid - a nonpartisan, nationwide coalition of health care providers, safety net health plans, counties and labor - is deeply concerned with the impact the Senate's "Better Care Reconciliation Act of 2017" will have on the Medicaid program and the nation's most vulnerable citizens.

We are in strong opposition to proposals that include devastating cuts to the Medicaid program and undermine coverage for the more than 70 million people served by this safety net program. The changes to the House-passed American Health Care Act (AHCA) made by the Senate will further slash the rate of Medicaid funding provided to states in the long-term. Capping funding will ultimately reduce access to care for beneficiaries, prevent the program from being responsive to unexpected public health and economic challenges, shift costs to states and local governments and drastically reduce payments to providers and plans.

The Partnership for Medicaid also remains united in its opposition to transitioning the Medicaid program to a block grant. We are deeply troubled the Senate bill continues to include a block grant option, which undercuts the long-term viability of the program and Medicaid's role as a safety net. Congress must reject proposals that block grant Medicaid.

The Medicaid program has served the health needs of our nation's low-income and disabled populations for over 50 years. We strongly urge the Senate to protect Medicaid and oppose efforts that threaten and dismantle this long-standing safety net.

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