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Partnership for Medicaid Statement on the American Health Care Act

(WASHINGTON, DC) – The Partnership for Medicaid—a nonpartisan, nationwide coalition of health care providers, safety-net health plans, counties and labor—is concerned that the American Health Care Act, being considered by the U.S. House of Representatives committees of jurisdiction, does not meet core principles the Partnership for Medicaid deems vitally important when considering any changes to Medicaid.

These principles include:

- Avoidance of shifting costs onto states, local governments, providers, plans and beneficiaries
- Maintenance of current eligibility standards
- Goals that seek programmatic improvements instead of short-term fiscal objectives
- Ability of Medicaid to provide coverage during an economic downturn
- Sufficient federal and state financing of covered services to ensure timely enrollee access to care

Furthermore, the Partnership for Medicaid calls on Congress to hold public hearings on the American Health Care Act as it fundamentally alters how Medicaid, a 50-year safety net program, is financed. Stakeholder feedback from front-line providers, health plans, hospitals and long-term care providers, to name a few, is essential to ensuring the populations who rely most on Medicaid for their health care are not harmed by the changes.

A long-awaited health care package like the American Health Care Act requires a timely evaluation by the Congressional Budget Office, proper impact analysis and diverse stakeholder and patient engagement. In that spirit, the Partnership for Medicaid looks forward to continuing to work with Congress to find innovative ways to improve Medicaid.

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