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**Partnership for Medicaid Statement on House Consideration of 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 alarmed that the House of Representatives is moving forward with consideration of the American Health Care Act (AHCA). We are particularly concerned with provisions that could harm the beneficiaries who depend on the Medicaid program. We oppose the Medicaid provisions of the bill as they are not consistent with the Partnership for Medicaid's [core Medicaid principles](#). We urge members of the House of Representatives to reconsider passage of the legislation, and work with stakeholders to ensure any changes to the Medicaid program promote coverage and access to care.

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

We are also concerned that Medicaid provisions in the AHCA would undermine current funding, as found by the recent Congressional Budget Office (CBO) analysis. CBO estimated the bill would cut federal support for the Medicaid program by an unprecedented \$880 billion over 10 years prior to inclusion of a block grant option. Costs will be shifted to states, local governments, patients and providers who cannot absorb such a drastic reduction in funding. Most importantly, Medicaid beneficiaries' access to care will be deeply and negatively impacted.

The Partnership believes that any reform should ensure sufficient federal and state funding of covered services and maintain current eligibility standards. Medicaid covers more than 70 million people across the country, including low-income and disabled children, pregnant women, adults, and senior citizens. These beneficiaries have no other coverage option.

The Partnership remains committed to preserving a strong Medicaid program and stands ready to work with Congress on Medicaid reforms that strengthen and improve the program while ensuring beneficiaries receive the care and coverage they need.

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