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## Partnership for Medicaid Opposes the AHCA

(WASHINGTON, DC) - The Partnership for Medicaid - a nonpartisan, nationwide coalition of health care providers, safety net health plans, counties and labor - is disappointed that the House of Representatives' amended American Health Care Act (AHCA) continues to roll back coverage for Americans.

We <u>remain</u> in opposition to this proposal to cut Medicaid funding by over \$800 billion. Congress should reject any proposal that takes coverage away from over 14 million Medicaid beneficiaries who depend on the program for critical health care services.

The recent amendment released by Rep. Tom MacArthur, R-N.J., does nothing to alleviate the substantial negative impact of the bill on Medicaid and its millions of beneficiaries. Furthermore, the Partnership is disappointed that Congress has not provided an updated score of the bill to help stakeholders, states and lawmakers themselves understand the true impact of these proposals.

We believe that reform should provide 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. The majority of these beneficiaries have no other coverage option. We urge members of the House of Representatives to consider the implications of this legislation, and to cast a "no" vote.

The Partnership for Medicaid 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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