



# THE PARTNERSHIP FOR MEDICAID

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 19, 2017

### **Partnership for Medicaid Opposes Continued Efforts to Undermine Medicaid**

(WASHINGTON, DC) - The Partnership for Medicaid - a nonpartisan, nationwide coalition of health care providers, safety net health plans, counties and labor – calls on Congress to protect Medicaid and reject continued efforts that will roll back coverage for the 70 million people that depend on this vital program.

We strongly oppose continued efforts in the Senate to explore devastating cuts to the Medicaid program, which will undermine coverage and benefits to our nation's most vulnerable. The recent proposal from Senators Graham, Cassidy, Heller, and Johnson maintains near identical Medicaid provisions to those in the failed Better Care Reconciliation Act that would impose funding caps that threaten the viability of the Medicaid program. The Medicaid program has served the health needs of our nation's low-income and disabled populations for over 50 years. Medicaid beneficiaries rely on Congress to preserve the program and make improvements that promote access and quality.

Cuts to Medicaid for budget gains are unacceptable and undermine the long-term stability of the program. We remain in opposition to efforts that convert the Medicaid program into a block grant or per capita cap, which simply shift the cost burden onto local and state governments, health care providers and individual beneficiaries. We urge Congress to instead work in a bipartisan manner to address impending funding shortfalls for a number of health care programs, such as the Children's Health Insurance Program, Community Health Centers, the National Health Service Corps, and Medicaid disproportionate share hospital payment program, that are integral parts of our health care system.

Learn more about the Partnership for Medicaid at [www.thepartnershipformedicaid.org](http://www.thepartnershipformedicaid.org).  
For questions: Contact [Gillian Ray](#), 202-753-5327.

*\*This statement has not been individually endorsed by every Partnership member organization.*