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Partnership for Medicaid Applauds CMS' Decision to Withdraw MFAR

(WASHINGTON, DC) – The Partnership for Medicaid – a nonpartisan, nationwide coalition made up of organizations representing clinicians, health care providers, safety net plans, counties, and labor – applauds the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) recent decision to withdraw the Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Regulation (MFAR), which would have severely limited how states fund their Medicaid programs.

Medicaid plays a critical role in providing access to care to more than 73 million individuals nationwide who depend on this coverage every day. The changes included in the proposed MFAR rule would have further strained state budgets already burdened by the COVID-19 pandemic and cut an estimated \$50 billion from the Medicaid program nationwide in the middle of a global downturn. The added administrative and financial burden on states resulting from MFAR would have negatively impacted state and local economies, jeopardized provider reimbursement, and directly threatened beneficiaries' access to care and services.

The Partnership for Medicaid is pleased that CMS took the time to review stakeholder comments and concerns with MFAR, including those of the [Partnership](#), and strongly supports CMS' decision to withdraw MFAR. We will continue to look for ways to work with CMS to strengthen the Medicaid program and support its critical role in the health and well-being of its beneficiaries.

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The Partnership for Medicaid is a nonpartisan, nationwide coalition made up of organizations representing clinicians, health care providers, safety-net health plans, counties, and labor. The goal of the coalition is to preserve and improve the Medicaid program.

The Partnership for Medicaid seeks to raise awareness about the vital role played by the Medicaid program, which provides essential health care services to more than 72 million people. By working in a bipartisan manner with all levels of government and affected constituency groups, we seek to provide viable solutions to improving the quality and delivery of services, with the aim of constraining costs without undermining the program's fundamental goals.

Above all, **The Partnership for Medicaid** is a unified voice to ensure that Medicaid continues its crucial role as a strong safety-net for vulnerable Americans.