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## **Partnership for Medicaid Applauds Bipartisan Approach to Investing in Medicaid in Congress' Year-End Omnibus Spending Package**

**WASHINGTON**—*The Partnership for Medicaid issued a statement this morning applauding Congress for its inclusion of an array of investments in the federal Medicaid program in its year-end omnibus spending legislation, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. The Partnership for Medicaid is a diverse, nonpartisan coalition of national organizations representing clinicians, health care providers, safety-net health plans and counties.*

On behalf of its 24 member organizations, the Partnership for Medicaid extends its deepest gratitude to congressional leaders for recognizing and prioritizing policy proposals in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 that strengthen Medicaid and ensure its stability for underrepresented populations who rely on this critical program. While the full scope of investments in Medicaid needed to ensure its long-term sustainability expands well beyond the provisions of this legislation, the Partnership deeply appreciates the meaningful steps forward Congress is taking through its year-end omnibus spending bill.

In particular, the Partnership for Medicaid is grateful that the legislation, if signed into law, will advance the following long-standing and cross-cutting policy goals of our coalition:

- Circumvent the Medicaid fiscal cliff in the territories by providing five years of stable Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico through 2027 with an increased FMAP and a higher permanent Medicaid FMAP funding for the other four U.S. territories.
- Permanently extend the options for states to provide 12 months of continuous coverage in Medicaid for post-partum women originally codified in the American Rescue Plan Act.
- Require states to provide 12 months of continuous Medicaid coverage in Medicaid for children to ensure stable coverage.
- Provide Medicaid coverage for justice-involved adolescents being released from incarceration.
- Provide a four-year extension of the Money Follows the Person program and the Protection Against Spousal Impoverishment program.
- Extend the Children's Health Insurance Program, previously authorized through FY 2027, for two additional years (through FY 2029).

These policy advances were made possible by provisions that unwind the Medicaid coverage expansions created through the declaration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and includes a gradual phase out of the enhanced FMAP for states. While the Partnership remains



concerned that beneficiaries are not unduly removed from coverage, we see this spending legislation as a balanced, bipartisan approach with the intent to emerge from pandemic-era coverage expansions that will offer states a structured, stable method for assuring an orderly redetermination process for Medicaid recipients to prevent massive coverage losses.

Moreover, the Partnership sees this legislation as a model for continued bipartisan cooperation to address Medicaid's programmatic and sustainability challenges in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, and our member organizations look forward to partnering with congressional leaders to strengthen Medicaid in 2023.

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