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Partnership for Medicaid Urges a No Vote on Reconciliation Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Partnership for Medicaid — a nonpartisan, nationwide coalition of organizations representing clinicians, health care providers, safety net health plans, and counties — urges all Members of Congress to vote “no” on the reconciliation bill being considered in Congress.

The policies being considered in the reconciliation bill will shift costs to state and local governments, which will result in coverage losses and benefit and provider payment cuts negatively impacting access to needed care for Medicaid beneficiaries, including millions of children, older adults, people with disabilities and low-income working adults. State Medicaid programs are already stretched thin financially. Limiting their ability to finance their programs and other cost shifts will force states to cut benefits and payments, most likely optional benefits like home and community-based services.

The reconciliation bill is projected to leave at least 7.6 million people uninsured from Medicaid coverage losses. Patients who lose Medicaid coverage will be forced to choose between incurring medical debt or delaying care which will result in worse health outcomes. Health care facilities will experience a rise in uncompensated care and the added financial strain that results in reduced health care services, facility closures, health workforce layoffs, and reduced patient access to care provided by trusted clinicians.

Medicaid currently provides health coverage to nearly 80 million people, including half of children with special health care needs, 3 million children in military connected families, more than 40% of children living in rural areas and small towns, pregnant women, adults, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. In communities across the country, including those in rural and underserved areas, Medicaid plays an important role in keeping their hospitals, clinics, community health centers and other health care organizations open, and clinicians and other health care personnel employed. Keeping these provider doors open preserves vital patient access to primary and dental care, maternity care, labor and delivery services, pediatric services, behavioral health services, long-term services and supports, and other necessary services for patients who cannot afford other options for care. The Partnership for Medicaid urges Congress to consider long-term consequences to patients and their access to critical healthcare services and trusted healthcare providers. The Partnership welcomes opportunities to collaborate with lawmakers to strengthen the Medicaid program.

Learn more about the Partnership for Medicaid at www.partnershipformedicaid.org.