

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
United States House  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Boehner  
House Minority Leader  
United State House  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Congressional Leadership:

The undersigned organizations, representing hospitals, providers, school districts and organizations concerned about consumers and beneficiaries, urge Congress to take immediate action to enact into law moratoria on seven Medicaid regulations proposed by the Administration.

These seven regulations will drastically alter the Medicaid program, resulting in significant harm to both vulnerable Medicaid beneficiaries and providers. If the regulations are not temporarily delayed, Medicaid beneficiaries may no longer receive necessary health care and long term care services and providers will face substantial cuts, damaging the already fragile network of Medicaid providers. These regulations will also lead to drastic cuts in federal funding to the states, which will only exacerbate their current budget problems. If these regulations are not blocked, the loss of federal funds will have rippling effects throughout the health care system and economy. The regulations will not only harm Medicaid beneficiaries and providers, but will lead to job losses, cuts in wages, and reduction of business activity.

These regulations go far beyond any steps to achieve the Administration's stated goal of protecting the fiscal integrity of the Medicaid program. Taken together, the impact of these regulations would undermine the viability of our nation's health care safety net and reduce or eliminate access to health care services for many millions of low income patients.

We applaud the House's overwhelming passage of moratoria on all seven regulations and urge the Senate to similarly pass legislation delaying all seven regulations. The Administration has indicated a willingness to accept short-term moratoria on some of the regulations to discuss them while allowing the remaining regulations to go into effect. Instead, we urge House and Senate lawmakers to pass moratoria on all seven regulations immediately on the first legislative vehicle going to the President. Time is running out. The cost to millions of vulnerable Americans—and to our whole health care safety net—is at stake.

Sincerely,

ACCSES

ADAP Advocacy Association

Advocates for Better Children's Diets  
AIDS Action  
AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families  
AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition  
AIDS Treatment Data Network  
Alliance for Children and Families  
Alliance for Retired Americans  
Alzheimer's Association  
American Academy of HIV Medicine  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Academy of Physician Assistants  
American Association of People with Disabilities  
American Association of School Administrators  
American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Counseling Association  
American Dental Education Association  
American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations  
American Federation of State, County and Municipal  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Health Care Association  
American Hospital Association  
American Network of Community Options and Resources  
American Nurses Association  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American School Health Association  
Americans for Democratic Action  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association for Career and Technical Education  
Association for Community Affiliated Plans  
Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs  
Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now  
Association of Educational Service Agencies  
Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs  
Association of School Business Officials International  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Brain Injury Association of America  
Catholic Health Association of the US  
Center for Law and Social Policy  
Child Welfare League of America  
Children's Defense Fund  
Children's Dental Health Project  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Committee of Interns and Residents/SEIU Healthcare  
Community Catalyst  
Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf  
Council for Exceptional Children  
Council for Learning Disabilities  
Council of Chief State School Officers  
Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Directors of Health Promotion and Education  
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund  
Division for Learning Disabilities of the Council for Exceptional Children  
Easter Seals  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Families USA  
Federation of American Hospitals  
Foster Family-based Treatment Association  
Hemophilia Federation of America  
Higher Education Consortium for Special Education  
HIV Medicine Association  
IDEA Infant Toddler Coordinators Association  
Institute of Social Medicine and Community Health  
International Union, United Auto Workers  
Jewish Council for Public Affairs  
LDA, The Learning Disabilities Association of America  
LEAnet (Local Education Agencies Network)  
Legal Action Center  
Lutheran Services in America  
Medicaid Health Plans of America  
Mental Health America  
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Alliance to End Homelessness  
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health  
National Association for Home Care & Hospice  
National Association of Children's Hospitals  
National Association of Counties  
National Association of County & City Health Officials  
National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors  
National Association of County Human Services Administrators  
National Association of Elementary School Principals  
National Association of People with AIDS  
National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems  
National Association of School Nurses  
National Association of School Psychologists  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Association of State Boards of Education  
National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services  
National Association of State Directors of Special Education  
National Association of Urban Hospitals  
National Center for Assisted Living  
National Center for Law and Economic Justice  
National Coalition of Mental Health Professionals and Consumer  
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Council on Aging  
National Disability Rights Network  
National Education Association  
National Health Law Program  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)  
National Medical Association  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National PTA  
National Respite Coalition  
National Rural Education Advocacy Coalition  
National Rural Health Association  
National School Boards Association

National WIC Association  
National Women's Law Center  
NCCNHR: The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care  
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby  
NISH  
OMB Watch  
Project Inform  
Rebecca Project for Human Rights  
RESULTS  
School Social Work Association of America  
Sergeant Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
Service Employees International Union  
State Associations of Addiction Services  
Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children  
The AIDS Institute  
The Arc of the United States  
The Council for Health and Human Service Ministries, United Church of Christ  
TII CANN - Title II Community AIDS National Network  
Union for Reform Judaism  
United Cerebral Palsy  
United Spinal Association  
USAction  
Voice of the Retarded  
Voices for America's Children  
Wider Opportunities for Women