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The Honorable John Thune  
Senate Majority Leader  
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The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Senate Minority Leader  
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The Honorable Mike Crapo  
Chairman, Committee on Finance  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Ranking Member, Committee on Finance  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Chair Crapo, and Ranking Member Wyden:

The 108 undersigned organizations and nearly 400 individuals represent health care providers who serve people experiencing homelessness, and others concerned about the health of unhoused people. We write to urge you to **oppose the House reconciliation bill ([H.R. 1](#)), which would have catastrophic consequences for people experiencing homelessness.**

As we outlined in [our January letter](#), Medicaid is critical to addressing the health care needs of people experiencing homelessness. It allows unhoused people to access comprehensive, system-wide health care that better enables them to manage their health, work, go to school, and seek housing and other basic needs. Medicaid is also critical for homeless health care providers because it pays for the comprehensive care they deliver, thus reducing uncompensated care and increasing financial stability.

Nationwide, [55% of patients](#) at HRSA-funded Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) programs rely on Medicaid to access primary care, behavioral health care, specialty care and management of chronic conditions. The House reconciliation bill puts the vast majority of Health Care for the Homeless patients at risk of losing their Medicaid coverage and goes against the administration's stated goals of [decreasing homelessness](#), [increasing substance use disorder treatment](#), and [increasing health care efficiencies](#). Instead, this bill adds administrative burden and red tape that will make it nearly impossible for unhoused people to retain Medicaid coverage and access the care they need. Provisions especially harmful to people experiencing homelessness include:

**I. Address Verification – People experiencing homelessness cannot prove an address when they do not have one.**

Address verification requirements are an especially significant barrier for unhoused individuals. Many live on the street, in cars, at shelters, or in other temporary spaces, none of which provide a fixed address to verify. It will also be difficult to provide verification documents from the list of “reliable data sources” due to a lack of access to mail. The address verification provision will make it nearly impossible for people experiencing homelessness to maintain coverage simply because they lack housing and an address, not because they are ineligible.

## **II. Citizenship Verification – Even citizens cannot verify their status without access to a birth certificate or other identifying documentation.**

A lack of stable housing or secure storage make it difficult to provide or obtain documentation needed to verify citizenship status. Without a safe place to store documents like birth certificates and IDs, these items are often lost, stolen, or thrown away during evictions, encampment sweeps, and other destabilizing events. Replacing them can be challenging due to fees and application processes that often require internet access or in person visits to government offices (which ironically also require an ID). As a result, many U.S. citizens will be kicked off their Medicaid coverage because they could not afford or could not obtain the identification documents needed to prove their citizenship status.

## **III. Frequent Eligibility Redeterminations – Recertifying without reliable access to mail, phones, or the internet is exceedingly difficult when trying to meet basic needs.**

People experiencing homelessness often lack consistent access to mail, phones, or the internet, resources which are needed to continuously comply with recertification. They often do not receive recertification notices and are unable to complete the paperwork or present the necessary documents. When trying to meet basic needs like food, shelter, and safety on a daily basis, increasing the frequency of redeterminations to every 6 months will only result in widespread disenrollments and a lost opportunity to engage vulnerable people in the health care services they need. This is highly inefficient for both providers and patients and increases overall costs for the health care system.

## **IV. Work Requirements – Proving either compliance or an exemption is difficult when living on the streets.**

Over half of people experiencing homelessness are already working, but this provision puts them at high risk of losing coverage because reporting hours is extremely difficult with limited phone and internet access. Monthly reporting requirements will be especially burdensome and difficult to comply with, leading to coverage loss that further destabilizes individuals and makes ongoing employment more difficult. Those eligible for exemptions will struggle to prove (and continuously reprove) their exemption status. It will also be burdensome for providers who will be forced to spend clinic time continuously proving exemptions for patients. This provision will cause large-scale loss of coverage, increase uncompensated care for providers, and lower employment rates as people disconnected from care become too sick to work.

In addition to those outlined above, we are deeply concerned about other provisions in the legislation that reduce retroactive coverage from 90 days to 30, impose out-of-pocket cost sharing for low-income people, penalize states for providing care to noncitizens, and prohibit the use of funds for gender affirming care. These changes will create paperwork and administrative burdens so great that it will be nearly impossible for unhoused individuals to maintain Medicaid coverage, limiting access to critical care and yielding worse health and housing outcomes. Providers will also lose revenue and be burdened spending clinic time filling out paperwork to keep patients covered rather than delivering care. Taken together, the House reconciliation bill contradicts the Administration's stated goals of decreasing homelessness, increasing access to substance use treatment, and increasing health care efficiencies.

Together with the organizations and individuals below, **we urge you to reject the House reconciliation bill and oppose changes that kick individuals off of Medicaid.**

Sincerely,



Bobby Watts  
CEO

## National Organizations

Any Positive Change Inc.  
Association for Community Affiliated Plans  
Autistic People of Color Fund  
Catholic Health Association of the United States  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Community Catalyst  
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces  
Corporation for Supportive Housing  
Drug Policy Alliance  
Funders Together to End Homelessness  
Healthcare Anchor Network  
Housing Justice Collective  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
National Alliance to End Homelessness  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Coalition for the Homeless  
National Harm Reduction Coalition  
National Low Income Housing Coalition  
National Women's Shelter Network, Inc.  
National Working Positive Coalition  
Presbyterian HIV Network, PHEWA PC USA  
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)  
SchoolHouse Connection  
The AIDS Institute  
UnidosUS  
United Church of Christ

## State and Local Organizations

### Alabama

AIDS Alabama  
Five Horizons Health Service

### Alaska

Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness

### California

Coalition of CA Welfare Rights Organizations  
Dientes Community Dental Care  
Friends Outside  
GLIDE  
Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction (HACHR)  
Northeast Valley Health Corporation

### Colorado

Ascending To Health Respite Care  
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless  
Vivent Health

### Connecticut

Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group

### Delaware

HAD

### Georgia

Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc.  
H-STAT

### Illinois

AIDS Foundation Chicago  
Center for Housing and Health  
Housing Action Illinois  
Illinois Partners for Human Service  
Impact Behavioral Health Partners  
Legal Council for Health Justice

The Night Ministry  
Vivent Health

### Indiana

Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana  
Greater Indianapolis Multifaith Alliance (GIMA)  
LTHC Homeless Services  
Mental Health America of West Central Indiana  
Prosperity Indiana

### Kentucky

VOCAL-KY

### Maryland

Health Care for the Homeless Baltimore  
Rooted in Wellness, LLC

### Massachusetts

Boston Healthcare for the Homeless  
Greater Boston Legal Services, on behalf of our clients

### Michigan

Genesis Non Profit Housing Corporation  
HOPE Shelters  
Vivent Health

### Minnesota

Bob Tavani House for Medical Respite  
MICAH Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing

### Missouri

Vivent Health

### Nevada

Nevada Housing Coalition

### **New Jersey**

Family Promise of Morris County NJ  
Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey  
National Alliance on Mental Illness of New Jersey  
NJ Coalition to End Homelessness  
Rescue Mission  
Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey  
Volunteers of America-Greater New York  
The Waterfront Project, Inc.

### **New Mexico**

Amador Health Center  
MacDowell Law PC

### **New York**

Broadway Community  
Care For the Homeless New York  
Care Found Here  
The Health & Housing Consortium  
Health x Housing Lab at NYU Langone Health  
iHealth, Inc.  
Neighbors Together  
NYU Speakers Bureau  
Urban Pathways  
VOCAL-NY  
Volunteers of America-Greater New York

### **North Carolina**

Helping Hands of the Cape Fear

### **North Dakota**

Fargo Moorhead Coalition to End Homelessness

### **Ohio**

Center for Respite Care, Inc.  
Joseph & Mary's Home

### **Oregon**

Central City Concern  
Northwest Human Services (FQHC)

### **Pennsylvania**

Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania

### **Puerto Rico**

Coalición de Coaliciones Pro Personas sin Hogar de PR, inc.

### **Tennessee**

Welcome Home of Chattanooga

### **Texas**

Vivent Health  
VOCAL-TX

### **Utah**

Homeless at the End  
The INN Between  
Unity Care Northwest  
Utah Housing Coalition  
Wasatch Homeless Healthcare, dba Fourth Street Clinic

### **Washington**

Campion Advocacy Fund  
Community Health Care (WA.)  
Council for the Homeless  
Neighborcare Health  
Washington Association for Community Health  
Washington Low Income Housing Alliance  
Yakima Neighborhood Health Services

### **Wisconsin**

Vivent Health

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