

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
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The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Majority Leader  
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The Honorable Rahm Emanuel  
Democratic Caucus Chair  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James Clyburn  
Majority Whip  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, Chairman Emanuel, & Majority Whip Clyburn:

As Members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, we are writing to express our strong support for the inclusion of H.R. 5613, the "Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008," in its entirety, in the supplemental appropriations legislation. H.R. 5613 places a one-year moratorium on seven Medicaid regulations that would have devastating consequences for the health care safety net, with implications for states, providers, and beneficiaries. Moratoria on these regulations will allow Congress to adequately assess and respond to the effects the harmful regulations will have on Medicaid patients.

We would like to reiterate the importance of placing a moratorium on all seven regulations, rather than only a selected few. H.R. 5613 has the strong support of our colleagues, as it passed the House by a veto-proof margin and was included in an amendment adopted in the supplemental appropriations bill. We believe that all seven Medicaid regulations represent significant changes in Medicaid policy that should only be done in consultation with Congress, the states, and impacted providers of services. The Administration promulgated these regulations without the input of any of these stakeholders. In addition, all seven of these regulations would result in billions of dollars in Medicaid cuts to states and to hospitals, clinics and other providers who take care of individuals with mental illness, individuals with disabilities, and children. At a time when the U.S. economy is in a downturn and states will be ill-equipped to absorb the burden, allowing such cuts to impact individuals who receive these services is unconscionable.

We strongly urge you to retain the moratoria all seven Medicaid regulations in the supplemental appropriations bill.

Sincerely,



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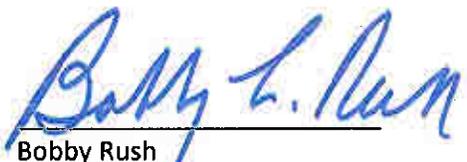
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