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

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House United State House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Mitch McConnell Senate Minority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

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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

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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

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