



January 30, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader McConnell, Speaker Ryan, Minority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader Pelosi:

The National Association of Urban Hospitals asks you to delay Affordable Care Act-mandated cuts in Medicaid disproportionate share hospital payments (Medicaid DSH). We wrote to you about this issue in the recent past and it remains of vital importance to urban safety-net hospitals and others like us.

Medicaid DSH payments provide vital resources to qualified hospitals that serve especially large numbers of low-income and uninsured patients. Twice now Congress has recognized the problem reducing these payments would pose and delayed their implementation and we know Congress has continued to explore this issue, including through legislation late last year. We respectfully request that you take up this issue and lead the way to legislation, whether free-standing or as part of another bill, that again delays Medicaid DSH cuts retroactive to January 1.

NAUH appreciates your consideration of this request and welcomes any questions you may have about Medicaid DSH or our request that you delay Medicaid DSH cuts.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Members of Congress

