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Please Sign Onto Bipartisan Letter Urging House Leadership To Prevent Medicaid DSH Cuts

Dear Representative Carl:

I am writing on behalf of the Alliance of Safety-Net Hospitals (ASH) to ask you to sign onto a bipartisan letter to Speaker Johnson and minority leader Jeffries urging them to prevent the \$8 billion cut in Medicaid disproportionate share (Medicaid DSH) allotments to the states that is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2025.

Medicaid DSH is a vital tool for helping community safety-net hospitals and others care for the residents of the economically vulnerable communities they serve. These community safety-net hospitals are the primary providers of care for many uninsured, under-insured, low-income, and Medicare- and Medicaid-dependent Americans. The hospitals that serve such communities rely heavily on Medicaid DSH for support in providing that care and Medicaid DSH payments are essential for their survival.

Medicaid DSH cuts were first scheduled to take effect in 2014 but Congress, recognizing the important role Medicaid DSH plays in ensuring access to care in low-income communities across the country, has never permitted their implementation. We are most grateful for your understanding of this challenge and your continued willingness over the years to prevent their implementation, and now, we are asking you to act on our behalf once again to prevent this potentially devastating cut.

To lead this effort, a bipartisan group of House members – representatives Dan Crenshaw (R-TX), Yvette Clarke (D-NY), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), and Diana DeGette (D-CO) – is now circulating a letter to Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries urging them to eliminate future Medicaid DSH cuts. We respectfully ask you to sign onto their letter making this request. To do so, please sign here [via Quill](#). If you have any questions, please contact:

- Colin Yokanovich (Rep. Crenshaw) – Colin.Yokanovich@mail.house.gov
- Nisha Thanawala (Rep. Clarke) – Nisha.Thanawala@mail.house.gov
- Chris Jones (Rep. Bilirakis) – Chris.Jones@mail.house.gov
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The Alliance of Safety-Net Hospitals appreciates your consideration of our request and welcomes any questions you have about Medicaid DSH, the importance of this program to community safety-net hospitals, or our support for this bipartisan letter.

Sincerely,

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