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National Patient Organizations United in Opposition to House Budget Resolution that Threatens Medicaid Coverage for Millions

WASHINGTON, D.C. (February 24, 2025) – This week, the House of Representatives is expected to consider a budget resolution instructing the House Energy and Commerce Committee to cut spending by \$880 billion, with most of these cuts expected to come from the Medicaid program. Given the devastating impact these cuts would have on the almost 80 million people with Medicaid and CHIP coverage nationwide, 38 national patient advocacy organizations released the following statement, urging lawmakers to vote no on the budget resolution:

"Our organizations strongly oppose the House budget resolution, which requires massive cuts that can only be achieved by decimating the Medicaid program. There is no way to make cuts of this magnitude without taking healthcare away from seniors, children, and people with disabilities and chronic health conditions. We and the patients we represent have <u>repeatedly voiced our opposition</u> about the devastating, real world consequences of Medicaid cuts and urge lawmakers to oppose the budget resolution.

"Cuts of this magnitude would require enormous changes – such as instituting per capita caps, reducing the federal match rate for Medicaid expansion, adding barriers to coverage including work reporting requirements, and repealing rules that strengthen enrollment processes and access to care in Medicaid – that would severely harm many individuals fighting serious and chronic health conditions. Our organizations oppose any cuts to either traditional or Medicaid expansion that take away coverage, jeopardize access to services and providers, shift costs to states, and reduce patients' access to care.

"Simply put, it is impossible to achieve the \$880 billion savings target for the Energy and Commerce Committee without making deep cuts to the Medicaid program. And it is impossible to structure these cuts in a way that protects seniors, children, and people with disabilities and chronic health conditions.

We urge members to vote no on this and all other legislation that threatens access to Medicaid coverage."

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