September 14, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Senate Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
House Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2433 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitchell McConnell  
Senate Republican Leader  
U.S. Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Reps. McCarthy and Jeffries and Sens. Schumer and McConnell:

The more than 250 undersigned essential hospitals and health systems urge you to stop damaging cuts to Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) funding.

Congress created the Medicaid DSH program in 1981 to help safety net hospitals meet their mission to care for the uninsured, Medicaid beneficiaries, and other low-income and disadvantaged patients. Nationwide, hospitals provide more than $42 billion in uncompensated care each year, and Medicaid DSH is a vital source of funding to offset a portion of that cost. Not only does Medicaid DSH ensure access to care for millions of people, it enables our hospitals to provide essential services to their communities, including top-level trauma, burn, and neonatal intensive care. The need for DSH funding is even greater now, as hospital expenses per patient have increased significantly since the pandemic.

Deep reductions in Medicaid DSH funding mandated by the Affordable Care Act are set to begin October 1. These cuts would undermine America’s health care safety net and significantly reduce our hospitals’ ability to provide lifesaving services to the communities you represent. The far-reaching effects would limit your constituents’ access to care and hurt our local economies, including through job losses.

In bipartisan fashion, Congress repeatedly has recognized that cuts to Medicaid DSH funding pose serious threats to low-income and marginalized patients and the hospitals that treat them. In fact, Congress 11 times previously has delayed or eliminated DSH cuts with overwhelming majorities.

Under current law, Medicaid DSH funding will be cut by $8 billion in each of fiscal years (FYs) 2024 through 2027—an annual reduction equal to more than two-thirds of all federal DSH spending. We urge you to move swiftly to eliminate, at a minimum, the $16 billion in cuts scheduled for FYs 2024 and 2025.
Given the ongoing high levels of uncompensated care across the country, Medicaid DSH cuts simply cannot be justified. At a time of substantial instability within the health care system, it is imperative Congress continue to delay and eliminate Medicaid DSH cuts. Our hospitals need the financial certainty such action would bring to continue providing needed care to the disadvantaged patients they disproportionately serve.

Sincerely,

Alameda Heath System
- Highland Hospital
- Fairmont Hospital
- San Leandro Hospital
- Alameda Hospital

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

Baystate Health
- Baystate Franklin Medical Center
- Baystate Medical Center

Bergen New Bridge Medical Center

Boston Medical Center Health System

Broadlawns Medical Center

Broward Health
- The Salah Foundation Children’s Hospital at Broward Health
- Broward Health Medical Center
- Broward Health Coral Springs
- Broward Health Imperial Point
- Broward Health North

Cambridge Health Alliance
- The Cambridge Hospital
- CHA Everett Hospital
- Somerville Hospital

Care New England
- Kent Hospital
- Butler Hospital
- Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island

Carilion Clinic
- Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital
- Carilion New River Valley Medical Center

Chesapeake Regional Healthcare

ChristianaCare
- Wilmington Hospital
- Christiana Hospital

Contra Costa Health

Cook County Health

- John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
- Oak Forest Health Center
- Provident Hospital of Cook County

DCH Health System
- Northpoint Medical Center
- Fayette Medical Center
- DCH Regional Medical Center

Denver Health

ECU Health and ECU Medical Center
- ECU Health Medical Center
- ECU Health Roanoke-Chowan Hospital
- ECU Health Edgecombe Hospital
- ECU Health Duplin Hospital
- ECU Health Chowan Hospital
- ECU Health Bertie Hospital
- ECU Health Beaufort Hospital, a campus of ECU Health Medical Center
- ECU Health North Hospital
- The Outer Banks Hospital

Erie County Medical Center Corporation

Eskenazi Health

Grady Health System

Harris Health System
- Quentin Mease Hospital
- Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital
- Ben Taub General Hospital

Hennepin Healthcare

Henry Ford Health
- Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital
- Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital
- Henry Ford Macomb Hospital—Mt. Clemens
- Henry Ford Macomb Hospital—Clinton Township
- Henry Ford Kingswood Hospital
- Henry Ford Hospital
• Henry Ford Allegiance Health
  Howard University Hospital
  Huntsville Hospital Health System
  • Red Bay Hospital
  • Marshall Medical Center South
  • Marshall Medical Center North
  • Madison Hospital
  • Lawrence Medical Center
  • Huntsville Hospital
  • Highlands Medical Center
  • Helen Keller Hospital
  • Decatur Morgan Hospital
  • Athens-Limestone Hospital

Hurley Medical Center
IU Health, Inc.
• Indiana University White Memorial Hospital
• Indiana University Health West Hospitals
• Indiana University Health University Hospital
• Indiana University Health Tipton Hospital
• Indiana University Health Saxony
• Indiana University Health Paoli Hospital
• Indiana University Health North Hospital
• Indiana University Health Morgan Hospital
• Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital
• Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital
• Indiana University Health Blackford Hospital
• Indiana University Health Bedford
• Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Hospital
• Indiana University Health Arnett

Jefferson Health
• Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia
• Einstein Medical Center Elkins Park
• Einstein Medical Center Montgomery
• Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

• Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience
• Jefferson’s Methodist Hospital
• Jefferson at the Navy Yard
• Jefferson at Voorhees

JPS Health Network
• John Peter Smith Hospital
• JPS Diagnostic and Surgery Hospital of Arlington

Kern County Hospital Authority
Lawrence General Hospital
Lee Health
• Lee Memorial Hospital
• Cape Coral Hospital
• HealthPark Medical Center
• Gulf Coast Medical Center
• Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida

Los Angeles County Department of Health Services
• Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
• High Desert Regional Health Center
• Los Angeles General Medical Center
• Olive View-UCLA Medical Center

Memorial Healthcare System
• Memorial Hospital Miramar
• Memorial Regional Hospital South
• Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital
• Memorial Hospital Pembroke
• Memorial Hospital West
• Memorial Regional Hospital

Methodist Hospitals
• Northlake Campus
• Midlake Campus
• Southlake Campus

MultiCare Health System
• MultiCare Auburn Medical Center
• MultiCare Deaconess Hospital
• MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital
• MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital
• MultiCare Valley Hospital

Nashville General Hospital
Natividad Medical Center
Nebraska Medicine
NYC Health + Hospitals
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi
- NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens
- NYC Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn Health
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue

Oregon Health & Science University Hospital

Orlando Health
- Orlando Regional Medical Center
- Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children
- Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women and Babies
- Dr. P. Phillips Hospital
- South Seminole Hospital
- South Lake Hospital
- Health Central Hospital

Parkland Health

Phoebe Putney Health System, Inc.
- Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital
- Phoebe Sumter Medical Center
- Phoebe Worth Medical Center

Prisma Health
- Prisma Health Richland Hospital
- Prisma Health Baptist Hospital
- Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital
- Prisma Health Greenville Memorial Hospital

San Joaquin General Hospital
San Mateo Medical Center
Santa Clara Valley Healthcare
- Santa Clara Valley Medical Center
- O’Connor Hospital
- St. Louise Regional Hospital

SBH Health System
Signature Healthcare
Sinai Chicago
- Mount Sinai Hospital
- Holy Cross Hospital

- Sinai Children’s Hospital
- Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System
- Pelham Medical Center
- Spartanburg Hospital for Restorative Care
- Spartanburg Medical Center
- Union Medical Center
- Cherokee Medical Center

St. Joseph’s Health
- St. Joseph’s Wayne Medical Center
- St. Joseph’s University Medical Center

Stamford Health
SUNY Downstate/University Hospital of Brooklyn
SUNY Upstate University Hospitals

Temple University Health Systems
- Fox Chase Cancer Center
- Jeanes Hospital
- Episcopal Hospital
- Temple University Hospital

The MetroHealth System

UF Health
- UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital
- UF Health Shands Hospital
- UF Health Jacksonville

UMass Memorial Healthcare
- UMass Memorial Medical Center
- UMass Memorial Health Alliance—Clinton
- Marlborough Hospital
- HealthAlliance Hospital—Leominster Campus
- HealthAlliance Hospital—Burbank Campus
- HealthAlliance Hospital—Hahnemann Campus

University Hospital
University Health—Kansas City
- Truman Medical Center
- Lakewood Medical Center

University Health—San Antonio
University Medical Center New Orleans
University Medical Center of El Paso
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
University of California Health
- UCSF Medical Center at Mount Zion
- Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center
- UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital
- UCLA Mattel Children’s Hospital
- UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center
- UC Davis Health
- UCSD Medical Center
- UCSD Thornton
- Jacobs Medical Center
- UC Irvine Medical Center
- UC San Diego Health

University of Chicago Medicine
- Comer Children’s Hospital
- Bernard A. Mitchell Hospital

University of Mississippi Medical Center

University of South Alabama Health System/USA Health
- University Hospital
- University of South Alabama Children’s & Women’s Hospital

University of Vermont Health Network
- Central Vermont Medical Center
- Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital
- Elizabethtown Community Hospital
- Alice Hyde Medical Center
- Porter Medical Center
- The University of Vermont Medical Center

UNM Hospital
Valley Medical Center
Valleywise Health
Ventura County Health Care Agency
- Ventura County Medical Center
- Santa Paula Hospital

Virtua Health
- Virtua Willingboro Hospital
- Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital

West Tennessee Healthcare
- Jackson-Madison County General
- Bolivar Hospital
- Camden Hospital
- Milan Hospital
- Dyersburg Hospital
- Volunteer Hospital

WVU Medicine
- Berkeley Medical Center
- Jefferson Medical Center
- Chestnut Ridge Center
- Ruby Memorial Hospital
- WVU Medicine Children’s Hospital
- Camden Clark Medical Center
- United Hospital Center
- Saint Joseph’s Hospital of Buckhannon
- Fairmont Medical Center
- Braxton County Memorial Hospital
- Garrett Regional Medical Center
- Grant Memorial Hospital
- Harrison Community Hospital
- Jackson General Hospital
- Potomac Valley Hospital
- Reynolds Memorial Hospital
- Saint Francis Hospital
- Summersville Regional Medical Center
- Thomas Memorial Hospital
- Wetzel County Hospital
- WVU Medicine Barnesville Hospital
- WVU Medicine Princeton Community Hospital
- WVU Medicine Uniontown Hospital
- WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital

Yuma Regional Medical Center
Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital