



AMERICA'S ESSENTIAL HOSPITALS

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 Davis 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