



AMERICA'S ESSENTIAL HOSPITALS

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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
House Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Senate Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, Leader Thune, and Leader Schumer:

The more than 250 undersigned essential hospitals and health systems urge you to stop the damaging cuts to Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) funding scheduled to take effect Oct. 1.

Congress created the Medicaid DSH program in 1981 to help safety net hospitals meet their missions of caring for uninsured patients, Medicaid beneficiaries, and other low-income and disadvantaged patients. In 2024, essential hospitals provided more than \$22 billion in uncompensated and under-reimbursed care, and Medicaid DSH is a vital source of funding to help offset those costs. Medicaid DSH funding not only ensures access to care for millions of people, but also allows essential hospitals to provide critical services to their communities, including top-level trauma, burn, and neonatal intensive care. The need for DSH funding has never been more important, as hospital expenses per patient continue to increase.

Under current law, Medicaid DSH funding will be cut by \$8 billion each fiscal year (FY) from 2026 through 2028—an annual reduction equal to more than two-thirds of all federal DSH spending. 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 local economies, including through job losses. This simply cannot be justified.

Recent cuts to state directed payment programs and provider taxes have forced essential hospitals to plan for drastic losses in critical Medicaid funding that allows them to provide high-level care to the whole of their communities. Additionally, changes to eligibility requirements will result in a higher number of uninsured patients, significantly increasing already elevated uncompensated care costs. [An America's Essential Hospitals analysis](#) estimates that

uncompensated care costs will increase by \$443 billion over the next 10 years because of Medicaid cuts.

Congress repeatedly has recognized that cuts to Medicaid DSH funding pose serious threats to low-income patients and the hospitals that treat them. In fact, Congress historically has acted in bipartisan fashion on this issue, voting more than a dozen times by overwhelming majorities to delay or eliminate DSH cuts. Our hospitals need the financial certainty to continue providing care for the disadvantaged patients they disproportionately serve. It is imperative that Congress eliminate the totality of Medicaid DSH cuts once and for all.

We urge you to move swiftly to eliminate the remaining \$24 billion in cuts scheduled for FY 2026 through FY 2028.

Sincerely,

Alameda Heath System

- Alameda Hospital
- San Leandro Hospital
- Wilma Chan Highland Hospital Campus

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

Baystate Health

- Baystate Children's Hospital
- Baystate Franklin Medical Center
- Baystate Medical Center
- Baystate Noble Hospital
- Baystate Wing Hospital

Bergen New Bridge Medical Center

BMC Health System

- Boston Medical Center
- Boston Medical Center-Brighton
- Boston Medical Center-South

Broward Health

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

California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems

Cambridge Health Alliance

- CHA Cambridge Hospital
- CHA Everett Hospital

Care New England

- Butler Hospital
- Kent Hospital
- Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island

Carilion Clinic

- Carilion Children's Hospital
- Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital
- Carilion Giles Community Hospital
- Carilion New River Valley Medical Center
- Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital
- Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital
- Carilion Rockbridge Community Hospital
- Carilion Tazewell Community Hospital

Chesapeake Regional Medical Center

Cook County Health

- John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
- Provident Hospital of Cook County

DCH Health System

- DCH Regional Medical Center
- Fayette Medical Center
- Northport Medical Center

Denver Health

Erie County Medical Center

ECU Health

- ECU Health Beaufort Hospital
- ECU Health Bertie Hospital
- ECU Health Chowan Hospital
- ECU Health Duplin Hospital
- ECU Health Edgecomb Hospital
- ECU Health Medical Center

- ECU Health Roanoke-Chowan Hospital
- The Outer Banks Hospital
- Eskenazi Health
- Grady Health System
 - Grady Memorial Hospital
- Harris Health System
 - Ben Taub General Hospital
 - Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital
- Hennepin Healthcare
- Henry Ford Health
 - Henry Ford Hospital
 - Henry Ford Jackson Hospital
 - Henry Ford Kingswood Hospital
 - Henry Ford Macomb Hospital
 - Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital
 - Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital
- Humbolt Park Health
- Hurley Medical Center
- JPS Health Network
 - John Peter Smith Hospital
- Kern County Hospital Authority
- Lee Health
 - Cape Coral Hospital
 - Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida
 - Gulf Coast Medical Center
 - HealthPark Medical Center
 - Lee Memorial Hospital
- Los Angeles County Department of Health Services
 - Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
 - Los Angeles General Medical Center
 - Olive View-UCLA Medical Center
 - Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center
- Merrimack
 - Merrimack Health Haverhill Hospital
 - Merrimack Health Lawrence Hospital
 - Merrimack Health Methuen Hospital
- MultiCare Health System
 - MultiCare Auburn Medical Center
 - MultiCare Deaconess Hospital
- MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital
- MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital
- MultiCare Valley Hospital
- MultiCare Yakima Memorial Hospital
- Overlake Medical Center & Clinics
- Natividad Medical Center
- Nebraska Medicine
 - Bellevue Medical Center
 - Nebraska Medical Center
- Northern Arizona Healthcare
 - Flagstaff Medical Center
 - Verde Valley Medical Center
- NYC Health + Hospitals
 - NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue
 - NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst
 - NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem
 - NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi
 - NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County
 - NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln
 - NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan
 - NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx
 - NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens
 - NYC Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn Health
 - NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull
- Orlando Health
 - Baptist Health Brookwood Hospital
 - Baptist Health Citizens Hospital
 - Baptist Health Princeton Hospital
 - Baptist Health Shelby Hospital
 - Baptist Health Walker Hospital
 - Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children
 - Orlando Health Bayfront Hospital
 - Orlando Health Dr. P. Phillips Hospital
 - Orlando Health Horizon West Hospital
 - Orlando Health Lake Mary Hospital
 - Orlando Health Melbourne Hospital

- Orlando Health Orlando Regional Medical Center
- Orlando Health Sebastian River Hospital
- Orlando Health South Lake Hospital
- Orlando Health St. Cloud Hospital
- Orlando Health Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women and Babies
- Orlando Health - Health Central Hospital
- Parkland Health
- Prisma Health
 - Prisma Health Baptist Hospital
 - Prisma Health Baptist Parkridge Hospital
 - Prisma Health Blount Memorial Hospital
 - Prisma Health Greenville Memorial Hospital
 - Prisma Health Greer Memorial Hospital
 - Prisma Health Hillcrest Hospital
 - Prisma Health Laurens County Hospital
 - Prisma Health North Greenville
 - Prisma Health Oconee Memorial Hospital
 - Prisma Health Patewood Hospital
 - Prisma Health Richland Hospital
 - Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital
- RWJBarnabas Health
 - Children's Specialized Hospital Mountainside
 - Community Medical Center
 - Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center
 - RWJBarnabas Health Behavioral Health Center
 - RWJBarnabas-Clara Maass Medical Center
 - RWJBarnabas-Jersey City Medical Center
 - RWJBarnabas-Monmouth Medical Center
 - RWJBarnabas-Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
 - RWJBarnabas-Monmouth Medical Center Southern Campus
- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway
- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset
- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton
- Trinitas Regional Medical Center
- Rochester Regional Health
 - Canton-Potsdam Hospital
 - Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic
 - Gouverneur Hospital
 - Massena Hospital
 - Newark-Wayne Community Hospital
 - Rochester General Hospital
 - United Memorial Medical Center
 - Unity Hospital
- SBH Health System
 - St. Barnabas Hospital
- San Mateo Medical Center
- Santa Clara Valley Healthcare
 - O'Connor Hospital
 - Santa Clara Valley Medical Center
 - St. Louise Regional Hospital
- Sinai Chicago
 - Holy Cross Hospital
 - Mount Sinai Hospital
 - Sinai Children's Hospital
- St. Bernard Hospital
- St. Joseph's Health
 - St. Joseph's University Medical Center
 - St. Joseph's Wayne Medical Center
- Stamford Health
- Stony Brook Medicine
- TMC Health
 - Benson Hospital
 - Northern Cochise Community Hospital
 - TMC Rincon
 - Tucson Medical Center
- Temple University Health Systems
 - Fox Chase Cancer Center
 - Temple Health - Chestnut Hill Hospital
 - Temple University Hospital - Main Campus

- Temple University Hospital - Episcopal Campus
 - Temple University Hospital - Jeanes Campus
 - Temple Women & Families Hospital
- The Methodist Hospitals, Inc.
- Methodist Hospitals - Northlake Campus
 - Methodist Hospitals - Southlake Campus
- The MetroHealth System
- MetroHealth Medical Center - Main Campus
- UChicago Medicine
- Center for Care and Discovery (CCD) - Hyde Park
 - Comer Children's Hospital - Hyde Park
 - Mitchell Hospital - Hyde Park
 - UChicago Medicine Cancer Center at Crown Point
 - UChicago Medicine Ingalls Memorial Hospital
- UMass Memorial Healthcare
- HealthAlliance Hospital—Fitchburg Campus
 - HealthAlliance Hospital—Leominster Campus
 - Milford Regional Medical Center
 - UMass Memorial Health - Marlborough Hospital
 - UMass Memorial Health Alliance—Clinton
 - UMass Memorial Medical Center
 - UMass Memorial Medical Center - Hahnemann Campus
- University of New Mexico Hospital
- USA Health
- USA Health Children's & Women's Hospital
 - USA Health Providence Hospital
 - USA Health University Hospital
- UVA Health
- UVA Health Culpeper Medical Center
 - UVA Health Haymarket Medical Center
- UVA Health Prince William Medical Center
 - University of Virginia Children's Hospital
 - University of Virginia Medical Center
- University Health—Kansas City
- University Health Lakewood Medical Center
 - University Health Truman Medical Center
- University Health—San Antonio
- University Hospital
- University Medical Center of El Paso
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- University of California Health
- UC Davis Health
 - UC San Diego Health
 - UCI Health
 - UCLA Health
 - UCSF Health
- University of Vermont Health Network
- Alice Hyde Medical Center
 - Central Vermont Medical Center
 - Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital
 - Elizabethtown Community Hospital
 - Porter Medical Center
 - The University of Vermont Medical Center
- Valleywise Health
- Valleywise Health Medical Center
- West Virginia University Health System
- Barnesville Hospital
 - Berkeley Medical Center
 - Braxton County Memorial Hospital
 - Camden Clark Medical Center
 - Fairmont Medical Center
 - Garrett Regional Medical Center
 - Grant Memorial Hospital
 - Harrison Community Hospital
 - J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital
 - Jackson General Hospital
 - Jefferson Medical Center
 - Potomac Valley Hospital
 - Princeton Community Hospital
 - Reynolds Memorial Hospital

- Saint Francis Hospital
- Saint Joseph's Hospital
- Summersville Regional Medical Center
- Thomas Memorial Hospital
- Uniontown Hospital
- United Hospital Center
- WVU Medicine Children's
- Weirton Medical Center
- Wetzel County Hospital
- Wheeling Hospital