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MEDICAID – PROTECTING PROVIDER TAX

Tell your Member of Congress not to support any further cuts to Provider Tax.

- Background: On May 22, the House of Representatives passed its reconciliation bill. The provisions in the Bill include a freeze on provider taxes and 10 year delay of the federal staffing mandate for nursing homes. The Reconciliation Bill now goes to the Senate. There is a movement in the Senate that still desires to reduce Provider Tax limits.
- The House of Representatives has already cut \$86 billion from provider taxes and **any further cuts will threaten closure of not only rural facilities but urban as well.**
- One of Medicaid's original functions is to serve seniors and individuals with disabilities.
 - Nearly two-thirds (63 percent) of all nursing home residents rely on Medicaid for their care. 1 in 5 assisted living residents rely on Medicaid for their care. Virtually all 55,000 individuals with disabilities residing in the nation's 5,300 intermediate care facilities (ICF) are on Medicaid.
 - Among all groups of providers providing services to the Medicaid population, nursing homes have the highest percentage of Medicaid beneficiaries and are therefore very dependent on Medicaid funding.
 - Medicaid covers long term services and supports (LTSS) to help individuals with basic activities of daily living, like bathing, dressing, and walking. Many of these critical services are not covered by Medicare or private insurance.
- For decades, Medicaid has failed to cover the actual cost of long term care.
 - Provider assessments are a legitimate tool to help bridge the gap, which ultimately protects access to care for our nation's most vulnerable. They have reasonable restrictions and are reviewed by CMS to ensure they meet federal requirements.
 - **But even with provider taxes in place, long term care is still underfunded. Currently, for nursing homes, it's 82 cents on the dollar.**
 - Reducing provider taxes is reducing resources to seniors on Medicaid, pure and simple. States will likely be forced to cut their Medicaid programs to offset the loss.
 - Medicaid must have proper resources and states must have proper adaptability to meet their obligations.
 - State Medicaid agencies could limit or eliminate HCBS Medicaid waiver programs which pay for assisted living services. People may be forced into institutional living if community resources are not available

VA ASSISTED LIVING PILOT PROGRAM

Ask your Member of Congress to contact the VA Secretary and his team directly to encourage the VA to get the AL Pilot Program underway that was passed by Congress last year and signed into law early this year.

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