Graham-Cassidy Cuts Provider Tax Program in Georgia

The Graham-Cassidy legislation would have a significant impact on the way Georgia finances its Medicaid program by slashing provider taxes to 4.0%. Medicaid is an important payor for long term services and supports for seniors and people with disabilities across the nation, helping them accomplish basic daily activities like bathing, getting dressed, fixing meals, and walking. There are few alternatives to long term care financing and Medicaid is the only viable option for many people due to challenges with private financing options.

It is important to note the cuts shown below are only based on the provider tax reduction included in the bill. Other changes to Medicaid financing that are included in the bill will also have a significant impact on nursing centers.

Georgia Profile

Total Nursing Centers: 358
Total Employees: 39,433
Total Patients Served: 84,150
Percent of care covered by Medicaid: 71.5%

State Provider Tax Rate: 6.00%
One-Year Impact of Provider Tax Cut (federal only): $126.25 million
Average Annual Impact of Cut per Building (federal only): $360,726