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Dear Congressional Leadership and Appropriations Committee Chairs and Ranking Members:

Alliance of Community Health Plans (ACHP), Association for Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP), Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA), Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA), National MLTSS Health Plan Association (MLTSS Association), and Special Needs Plans Alliance (SNP Alliance) write to express our joint support for extended funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Our organizations represent health plans who serve the vast majority of the over 85 million Medicaid enrollees in the United States, including beneficiaries living in areas with broadband access issues, beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, and those receiving Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS).

We applaud Congress' passing of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's ACP provisions. Through this program, Congress has addressed the indispensability of broadband access. Quality, affordable broadband has become essential to millions of Americans' ability to access health care providers, supports, and services.

As of February 8, 2024, over 23 million households have enrolled in the ACP across all 50 states and the territories. According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), nearly three-quarters of

subscribers reported that they use their ACP service to schedule or attend health care appointments. The FCC also noted that prior to the ACP, more than half of enrollees in rural communities reported having either zero internet connectivity or relying solely on mobile internet service.ⁱ

Due to the expiration of funding for the ACP, new applications for enrollment have been stopped, with this month (April 2024) as the last fully funded month of the program.

We urge Congress to pass a funding extension for the ACP to ensure continued access to broadband for eligible households, including those that can use the ACP for vital needs such as accessing health care providers and services.

Our organizations thank you for your previous work to expand broadband access and affordability, and we look forward to working with you to continue access to this vital program.

Sincerely,

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Medicaid Health Plans of America
National MLTSS Health Plan Association
Special Needs Plans Alliance

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The Honorable Jacky Rosen
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The Honorable Yvette Clarke
The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick

ⁱ [Measuring-Impact-ACP-Survey-Fact-Sheet.pdf \(fcc.gov\)](#)