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**MHPA Statement in Response to the House Passing Budget Reconciliation
Legislation with Harmful Medicaid Cuts**

MHPA President and CEO Craig A. Kennedy, MPH issued the following statement in response to the House of Representatives passing budget reconciliation legislation containing harmful cuts to the Medicaid program:

"While we are disappointed that the House passed a reconciliation package containing significant cuts to the Medicaid program which will certainly result in millions losing coverage, we are eager to work with the Senate to ensure any final reconciliation bill preserves health coverage while also affording states flexibility to administer benefits in ways that effectively and efficiently address the unique and diverse health care needs of Medicaid beneficiaries."

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