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**MHPA Statement in Response to the House Energy & Commerce Committee
Releasing Legislative Details of Medicaid Cuts**

MHPA President and CEO Craig A. Kennedy, MPH issued the following statement in response to the House Energy and Commerce Committee releasing details of cuts to the Medicaid program:

“Medicaid is a lifeline, all around the country, for the most vulnerable among us. The House-proposed reconciliation bill includes significant cuts to the Medicaid program that will weaken the federal-state Medicaid partnership, potentially leaving states with budget shortfalls that could only be filled by cutting health care access and benefits, or by raising taxes. What's more, these proposals create downstream consequences that could result in significant problems across the health care ecosystem. Let us be clear: it is not possible to protect the most vulnerable in our society from Medicaid cuts of this size and scope. We urge the House to remove harmful cuts that will cost vulnerable people coverage, negatively impact state budgets and destabilize our safety net providers who rely on the Medicaid program.”

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About MHPA

Founded in 1995, Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA) is the only national association that solely represents the interests of the Medicaid managed care industry. Through its advocacy and research work, MHPA supports innovative policy solutions that enhance the delivery of comprehensive, cost-effective, and quality health care for Medicaid enrollees. MHPA works on behalf of its more than 160 member health plans which serve over 51 million Medicaid enrollees in 40 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. MHPA's members include for-profit and non-profit national, regional, and single-state health plans that compete in the Medicaid market. Visit mhpas.org for more information.