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NAUH Supports Renewal of CHIP Funding and Delaying Medicaid DSH Cuts

Dear Representative Graves:

The National Association of Urban Hospitals supports key provisions in HR 3922, the Championing Healthy Kids Act – the renewal of funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and delaying for two years the implementation of mandated reductions of Medicaid disproportionate share (Medicaid DSH) allotments to the states – and hopes you and your House colleagues can reach a bipartisan agreement to adopt and pay for these important measures.

CHIP insures nine million low-income children, but funding for this program ended on September 30. Renewing CHIP funding for five years will ensure that these children continue to have access to the care they need to grow up healthy and lead productive lives.

The Medicaid DSH program sends resources to the states for those hospitals that care for especially large numbers of low-income and uninsured patients. These funds help ensure the ability of these hospitals to provide much-needed medical care that might otherwise be unavailable to such individuals. Congress has already delayed implementation of Medicaid DSH cuts several times for these very reasons and we hope you will do so again to ensure that these much-needed services are not interrupted.

Private, non-profit urban safety-net hospitals are a vital part of the American health care safety net and we hope you and your colleagues will find bipartisan solutions to the CHIP and Medicaid DSH issues that will enable us continue to do the work we are so very proud to do.

Sincerely,

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