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Please Include Medicaid DSH Delay in Continuing Resolution

Dear Senator Schumer:

The National Association of Urban Hospitals asks you to work with your colleagues in the Senate to ensure that the continuing resolution the Senate is currently considering includes a provision to delay Affordable Care Act-mandated cuts in Medicaid disproportionate share payments (Medicaid DSH) to DSH-eligible hospitals.

Medicaid DSH payments provide vital resources to qualified hospitals that serve especially large numbers of low-income and uninsured patients. Even though millions of Americans have obtained health insurance in recent years, millions more have not, and those individuals, when they need care, turn to urban safety-net hospitals like ours and other safety-net hospitals as well. Twice in recent years Congress has recognized the problem reducing these payments would pose and delayed their implementation and it has continued to explore this issue in recent months, including through legislation late last year.

The continuing resolution the House passed yesterday includes a provision that would delay Medicaid DSH cuts again for two years, and we respectfully ask that you work with your colleagues in the Senate to ensure that any continuing resolution the Senate adopts includes a provision to delay cuts to Medicaid DSH.

NAUH appreciates your consideration of this request and welcomes any questions you may have about Medicaid DSH or our request that you delay Medicaid DSH cuts.

Sincerely,

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