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**Message to the White House and Congressional Leadership:
Retain NEMT Benefit in “Gap” Health Insurance**

Scores of advocates and stakeholders urge the White House and congressional majority leadership to retain non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) as a requirement in the gap health care coverage provision of the final Build, Back, Better budget reconciliation package.

The nearly sixty organizations below appeal to the negotiators on the gap health care coverage for the 2 million individuals that reside in the 12 states that have not expanded Medicaid to some of their lowest income residents. Both the Energy and Commerce and the Ways and Means versions of the gap coverage provision require that NEMT be part of the package of benefits. As the lowest cost Medicaid benefit with the highest return on health care cost savings, NEMT is critical to ensure that the newly covered patients have access to their new essential health benefits.

Sincerely,

AIDS Action Baltimore
AIDS Alabama
AIDS Alabama South
AIDS Foundation of Chicago
Allies for Independence
American Academy of HIV Medicine
American Association of People with Disabilities American Association on Health and Disability
American Federation of County and Municipal Employees American Kidney Fund
American Network of Community Options and Resources American Public Transportation Association
American Therapeutic Recreation Association
Amida Care
The Arc of the United States
Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL)
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
California Dental Association
Center for Autism and Related Disorders
Center for Public Representation
Children's Health Fund
Community Catalyst
Community Transportation Association of America
Dialysis Patient Citizens
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund

Easterseals
Equality NC
Families USA
First Focus Campaign for Children
Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice
Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR)
HIV Dental Alliance
HIV Medicine Association
Hudson Valley Community Services
Lakeshore Foundation
Los Angeles LGBT Center
Lutheran Services in America
Medicare Rights Center
Mental Health America
National Adult Day Services Association (NADSA)
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A)
National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP) National Council on Aging
National Healthcare for the Homeless Council
Nevada Disability Coalition
Pennsylvania Council on Independent Living
Planned Parenthood of California
Schizophrenia and Related Disorders Alliance of America (SARDAA)
SKIL Resource Center
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
The Transportation Alliance
Treatment Action Group
Treatment Communities of America
United Spinal Association
Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN)
Wisconsin Association of Mobility Managers (WAMM) Wyoming Patients Coalition