

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Max Baucus  
Chair, Finance Committee  
United States Senate

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member, Finance Committee  
United States Senate

The Honorable John Dingell  
Chair, Energy and Commerce  
Committee  
United States House of Representative

The Honorable Joe Barton  
Ranking Member, Energy and Commerce  
Committee  
United States House of Representative

The Honorable Charles Rangel  
Chair, Ways and Means  
Committee  
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The Honorable Jim McCrery  
Ranking Member, Ways and Means  
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United States House of Representatives

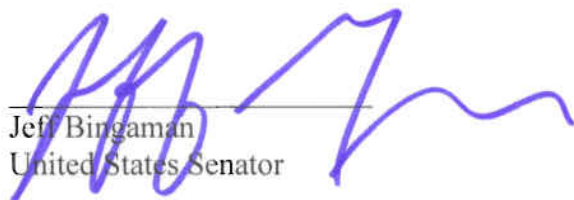
Dear Senators and Representatives:

We are writing to urge you to include a one-year extension of the moratorium on the Medicaid public provider and graduate medical education (GME) rules, which expires on May 25, 2008, in any end-of-year legislation that you intend to pass. Hospitals and states are being forced to take action *now* to prepare for these impending Medicaid cuts. It is therefore important for Congress to act *this year* to extend the original moratorium that was included in the *U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007* (P.L. 110-28).

These sweeping cuts circumvent Congress' authority to set Medicaid policy, as well as both chambers' strong bipartisan opposition to these rules. To date, 289 members of the House and 66 senators are on record in opposition to these cuts. The impact of these Medicaid rules on patient services, emergency preparedness, physician training, and state Medicaid programs would be devastating.

We strongly urge you to act now to stop these rules and to reaffirm Congress' role in setting Medicaid policy for this country by including an extension of the Medicaid moratorium in an end-of-year legislative package. Our patients, providers, and Medicaid enrollees can not wait until next year for us to take action.

Sincerely,

  
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United States Senator

  
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