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STATEMENT ON ADMINISTRATION DELAY ON ACA EMPLOYER PENALTY

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The latest announcement by the administration is troubling for those individuals who will not gain coverage through their employer. The goal of the ACA was to extend coverage to the uninsured, which required a shared responsibility from all stakeholders. We are concerned that the delay further erodes the coverage that was envisioned as part of the ACA.

This delay comes at a time when there is significant uncertainty regarding Medicaid expansion. While the administration has already recognized that some of the Medicaid and Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) programs cuts should be delayed because the level of coverage envisioned in the ACA is not being met, this announcement clearly shows the need to eliminate the cuts for two years. As the administration continues to recommend adjustments to the law, this should be a key consideration. A growing number of Congressmen, led by Rep. John Lewis (D-GA), agree with this solution.

We will continue to work with Congress and the administration on the implementation of the law to make sure that the coverage needs for the uninsured are met.

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