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URGENT: Call to Stop Medicaid Cuts!

Medicaid funds 90% of NYS supports and services for people with developmental disabilities – including residential and adult day services, respite, community habilitation, certain special education costs, as well as medical services.

Medicaid funds are in serious jeopardy:

The U.S. House of Representatives already passed their version of the American Health Care Act (AHCA), which would cut Medicaid by **\$880 BILLION** over the next 10 years.

The U.S. Senate is poised to pass a similar bill that would cut and cap Medicaid. After the Senate passes its version, it may send it to the House for a vote. We have heard that the secret Senate AHCA version is 80% of the House AHCA bill with additional Medicaid cuts!

If the AHCA were enacted, the #bFair2DirectCare funding would be eliminated and some services for people with developmental disabilities would likely be cut back or eliminated altogether. Cuts would worsen the existing crisis in recruiting and retaining direct support staff. Without sufficient staff, people with disabilities would not be safe.

NY Senators Schumer and Gillibrand already oppose AHCA, but many of our NYS

Representatives support it. We need to explain to these Representatives that Medicaid cuts would be disastrous for people with developmental disabilities.

Please Make 7 Quick Calls Immediately!

Call the following Representatives. Tell them:

My name is _____ I am the parent/relative/friend of a person with developmental disabilities. I am calling to ask you to oppose any legislation that would cut or cap Medicaid. Medicaid funds 90% of essential services for people with developmental disabilities. Medicaid cuts would seriously endanger this population.

Call:

- . Representative Chris Collins 202-225-5265
- . Representative John Faso 202-225-5614
- . Representative Peter T. King 202-225-7896
- . Representative Tom Reed 202-225-3161
- . Representative Elise Stefanik 202-225-4611
- . Representative Claudia Tenney 202-225-3665
- . Representative Lee Zeldin 202-225-3826

Ask your friends and relatives to make these calls, too!

Thank you!

Please contact your COPA team for further information or questions.

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