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Georgians with Disabilities Launch the No Cuts! No Caps! Campaign to #SaveMedicaid

New campaign brings attention to over \$800 billion in cuts to Medicaid

June XXX, 2017 (YOUR CITY, GA) – Georgians with disabilities, together with agencies, organizations and nonprofits who serve them, have launched the No Cuts! No Caps! campaign to bring to attention to the \$834 billion cuts to Medicaid in the House-passed American Health Care Act (AHCA) and being considered by the Senate.

One in five Georgians depend on Medicaid services. Medicaid provides approximately 400,000 people with disabilities in Georgia with access to critical care that helps them live, work and participate in their communities. This includes personal care services, specialized therapies, mental health services, special education services, respite care and employment supports. These critical services are not available under private insurance.

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The AHCA proposes to drastically cut federal Medicaid to states, including through “per capita caps.” Georgia will be disproportionately hurt by these caps because of the state’s low Medicaid spending. The State is 50th in Medicaid spending on people with disabilities combined with it having one of the highest federal match rates - 68.5% of all of Georgia’s Medicaid costs are paid by the federal government.

The loss of billions of dollars in federal Medicaid funding could lead to service reductions, longer waitlists, and cuts in provider reimbursement rates. Home and community based services (HCBS) are most at risk because they are optional.

The campaign, being led by the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities, hopes to bring attention to US Senators Johnny Isakson and David Perdue about the importance of Medicaid for Georgians with disabilities.

For more information on Georgia’s No Cuts! No Caps! #SaveMedicaid campaign, www.gcdd.org/save-medicaid

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