NCUIH Supports the Partnership for Medicaid's Call to Protect Medicaid and Access to Care

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The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) joined the Partnership for Medicaid (P4M) in calling on Congress to protect Medicaid, while expressing a commitment to work with policymakers to identify more sustainable strategies to strengthen Medicaid and improve on its promise of providing high quality coverage and access to care for populations in need. On February 6, P4M issued a statement urging Congress to reject cuts to Medicaid during the budget reconciliation process, and on February 24, P4M released a statement urging Congress to vote "no" on the budget resolution which includes $880 billion in cuts for the Energy and Commerce Committee, which would likely significantly impact Medicaid.

Medicaid provides health coverage to more than 80 million Americans, including working families, children, seniors, and people with disabilities. It plays a key role in ensuring that people have access to doctors, hospitals, and treatment when they need it. In 2023, approximately **2.7 million Native people** were enrolled in Medicaid across the United States, according to American Community Service data. Medicaid is a major source of health care funding, particularly for Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs), which provide essential healthcare services to Native people living in urban areas. The proposed Medicaid cuts would threaten the ability of UIOs to sustain necessary service offerings, potentially reducing access to essential health care services for urban Native people.

NCUIH remains committed to working with policymakers and UIOs to support a strong Medicaid program.

About the Partnership for Medicaid

NCUIH is a member of the Partnership for Medicaid, which is a nonpartisan, nationwide coalition of organizations representing clinicians, health care providers, safety-net health plans, and counties. The goal of the coalition is to preserve and improve the Medicaid program.