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AARP Applauds Senate for Passing Extended Medicaid Funding
Group disappointed by cuts to critical nutrition program

WASHINGTON-AARP Senior Vice President David Sloane released this statement following the Senate's passage of a critical funding extension for state Medicaid programs:

"We applaud the Senate for passing legislation to ensure that millions of Americans can continue to get the health and long-term care they need. By extending critical funding to Medicaid programs, states are better able to continue offering the often less costly home and community-based services (HCBS) that older Americans overwhelmingly prefer to more expensive nursing homes. Without the extension of critical Medicaid funding, states are likely to increase existing cuts to these services and leave many older adults and people with disabilities at risk of ending up in more costly nursing homes or with costly and avoidable hospital stays.

"However, we are disappointed by the Senate's decision to take funding from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), an important program that keeps food on the country's dinner tables for those least able to afford it. We strongly urge Congress to restore the SNAP funding before these cuts begin to hit American families."

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