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STATEMENT ON FMAP EXTENSION

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Today's extension of the federal assistance for state Medicaid programs – or FMAP – provides critical relief to states that are struggling to ensure access to care for low-income families and individuals. Given these challenging economic times, Medicaid is forced to play an even greater role as the health care safety net for our poor and vulnerable citizens. That's why these federal matching funds become even more essential to hospitals in fulfilling their mission of caring for patients and communities. This funding comes at a crucial time when state budgets are in the red and more people are losing their health care coverage.

We applaud Congress and the Administration's action to help protect the health care safety net.

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