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NACBHDD/NARMH PRESS RELEASE OPPOSES REPUBLICAN ACA REPLACEMENT MEASURE

In a March 9 press release, NACBHDD and NARMH expressed strong opposition to enactment of the American Health Care Act (AHCA, or TrumpCare) released on March 6 by House Republicans. The release noted that the AHCA “would lead to fewer covered, weaker protections and higher costs for all Americans.” Read the full release at: <http://bit.ly/2n4mjZq>

AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT, AKA TRUMP CARE: WHERE IT STANDS

BREAKING NEWS. To garner votes, House Speaker Paul Ryan has modified provisions of TrumpCare in advance of its likely March 23 vote. Older adults (up to age 65) would get a slightly greater tax credit than originally proposed to help them purchase health coverage. States would be able to choose to receive Medicaid funds either as a lump-sum block grant or as the originally proposed per-capita allotment; and states could impose work requirements for certain Medicaid beneficiaries. Another sweetener would require New York State to pay Medicaid costs now paid by upstate counties, essentially shifting upstate costs to the blue-voting counties of New York City. **IT IS STILL A “NO” TO US!**

We continue to follow the moving target regarding the future of both the ACA and Medicaid. Dr. Manderscheid’s column this month highlights the important and potentially damaging effects the House Republican American Health Care Act (AHCA, or “TrumpCare”) could have on the people we all serve. According to the Center for American Progress, the measure puts 15 million Americans of all ages with behavioral disorders, ID/DDs and disabilities at risk of losing health services.

The speed with which the measure is moving is breathtaking. The AHCA was

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admitted, when questioned by Rep. Joe Kennedy (D-MA), that the AHCA will

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