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CPCA Responds to US House of Representatives Budget Vote

Sacramento – California Primary Care Association’s (CPCA) President and CEO, Francisco J. Silva Esq., released the following statement in response to the United States House of Representatives Budget vote:

“Yesterday’s vote signals the House’s intent to make significant cuts to Medicaid and is a direct attack on California’s most vulnerable patients. Their action threatens the lives of the 15 million Californians who rely on Medicaid (Medi-Cal) for health insurance coverage – including half of all children in the state, pregnant women, seniors, veterans and the disabled. Slashing federal healthcare funding also jeopardizes community health centers (CHCs) that provide high quality care to *all Californians* no matter who they are, where they’re from or whether or not they have insurance.

Medicaid funding cuts would harm the care that is delivered to all Californians, not just those on Medicaid. The proposed Medicaid cuts amount to an added tax burden on all Californians, as newly uninsured patients are forced to forgo vital preventive care and instead end up in hospital emergency departments with more costly, difficult-to-treat conditions — leading to higher health care costs for everyone.

Health care is not a partisan issue. That’s why nearly 70% of California voters recently passed Proposition 35 to increase and safeguard Medi-Cal funding. Prop 35 passed in every single California congressional district, including overwhelmingly in all districts represented by Republicans.

We urge Congress to stand up for patients and the CHCs that serve them.”

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About the California Primary Care Association

The California Primary Care Association (CPCA) represents more than 1,300 non-profit community health centers that provide care to more than 7.8 million patients each year. Community health centers (CHCs) are committed to providing comprehensive, high quality health care to everyone who walks through our doors, in a compassionate and culturally sensitive manner. CHCs include federally qualified health centers (FQHC) and FQHC look-a-likes, community clinics, free clinics, rural health clinics, migrant health centers, Indian health service clinics, and family planning clinics. Services include comprehensive primary and preventive care, women’s health, dental, mental health, substance use treatment, health education, outreach and enrollment, pharmacy and more.