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This important message is sent to you from our MDAAP Chapter President – Diana Fertsch, MD, FAAP

June 14, 2017

Dear MDAAP Members:

Take action NOW to protect Maryland children from the threats of MASSIVE Medicaid cuts!

As pediatricians, we know what children need. Children need quality health care to support their optimal growth and development. Families need to know that their children will be cared for by physicians and other pediatric care providers who are knowledgeable about physical, developmental, and emotional health care needs.

Healthcare coverage for U.S. children is at an all-time high with 95% of all children being covered. In Maryland, 96% of all children have health insurance and over 650,000 children rely on Medicaid and MCHIP.

The Senate is preparing to pass health care legislation that will gut the Medicaid program.

The AAP has created a powerful "Rapid Response Advocacy Action" tool for you to use (see attached). We need everyone to take action so that we can amplify our voice and be heard in Washington, D.C. Wouldn't it be great if all of the AAP members (> 65,000) called the Senate?

There are many ways to get involved and they are clearly spelled out in the attached tool. We want you to call your Senators on Thursday, June 15, 2017 and Thursday, June 22, 2017 to urge them to protect Medicaid from cuts or caps in any bill that they consider.

For those on social media, there are tools to use - the main hashtag we are using is #DontCapMyCare.

Be bold and have fun!

Sincerely,
Diana Fertsch, MD, FAAP
MDAAP President

Attached you will find the document "Rapid Response Advocacy Action for AAP Members: Protect Medicaid," provided by AAP National's Advocacy & External Affairs to help you engage in our two Days of Action: June 15 and June 22, 2017. It includes information regarding:

- How to Call Your Senators & What to Say
- Share Messages on Social Media: #DontCapMyCare & #KeepKidsCovered
- Write a Blog or Op-ed About Protecting Medicaid from Caps or Cuts
- Spread the Word: Encourage Other Pediatricians to Join In

Please let Diana Fertsch (diana.fertsch@gmail.com) or I know if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your leadership, advocacy and dedication to children.

Sincerely,

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