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FAH COMMENDS SENATE PASSAGE OF FMAP LEGISLATION

The following statement was released today by Chip Kahn, President and CEO of the Federation of American Hospitals.

Today's Senate vote to extend FMAP payments is a major victory for low-income Americans who depend on the Medicaid programs for their health care. The measure will help ensure access to care for millions of Americans and bolster the ability of hospitals and doctors to meet their commitment to serve Americans most in need. We congratulate the Senate and its leadership on their hard work and perseverance to see the passage of the FMAP extension through and deeply appreciate that the House leadership has chosen to reconvene that chamber in order to pass this important legislation as quickly as possible.

Hospitals are the ultimate health care safety net for Americans most in need. So in the fight to support these Americans, the FAH, over the last year, has been tirelessly seeking Congressional approval for this vital FMAP funding, so critical for state Medicaid programs. In these trying economic times the temporary extension of FMAP is crucial to sustain the commitment to care of the Medicaid programs for those who need them the most.

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The Federation of American Hospitals is the national representative of investor-owned or managed hospitals and health systems. Our members include general community and teaching hospitals in urban and rural areas as well as rehabilitation, long-term, cancer and psychiatric hospitals.

