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Statement on the Better Care Reconciliation Act

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“Throughout this process, we have spoken to the need to protect access to health care for Alaskans and to build a stronger, more sustainable health care system. Unfortunately, the new draft legislation in the Senate does neither. While the draft bill contains several special provisions for Alaska, it will still result in lost health insurance coverage, have significant and negative impacts on health care providers and shift costs to Alaskans.

We recognize the hard work of our two U.S. Senators and appreciate the efforts they have made to engage Alaskans in this issue. Senator Murkowski is correct – we should move ahead with reforming the individual market now, saving Medicaid for a later conversation. We urge the Senate to go back to the drawing board to develop meaningful health care policy that will achieve the goal of health care access and affordability.”

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The Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association (ASHNHA) works to improve the health of all Alaska residents by being active on key issues of policy and quality. ASHNHA represents Alaska’s hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care organizations. Our membership spans geographically from PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center to Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital in Utqiagvik. For over 60 years, ASHNHA members have worked to improve health care in Alaska.

Alaska hospitals are committed to improving patient safety by supporting the wide-spread adoption of evidence-based clinical practices. ASHNHA works to improve the health of Alaskans by becoming involved in all matters affecting the delivery, quality, accessibility, affordability and continuity of health care.

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