Tell Congress to Protect Funding for Children’s Mental Health!

As Congress works to balance the federal budget and raise the debt ceiling, we must ensure that children’s mental health programs and Medicaid are not used as pawns in their negotiations. At this moment, Congressional leaders are deciding what programs to eliminate. It is crucial for Congress to know that you are opposed to cuts in funding for children’s mental health.

Congress recently debated the State Flexibility Act (H.R. 1683/ S. 868). This bill would repeal the Medicaid maintenance of effort (MOE) provisions achieved under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). If passed, it could roll back eligibility rules and potentially cut off health care for as many as 400,000 people, about two-thirds of whom are children. This act has already been approved by the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee and may soon go to the full House.

Ask your members of Congress to:

- **Vote No** on the State Flexibility Act (H.R. 1683/S. 868).
- **Save Medicaid**: Medicaid is a safety net for 58 million Americans, including 30 million children. Tell Congress not to turn Medicaid into a block grant program, impose arbitrary spending caps or slash Medicaid’s funding.
- **Protect children’s mental health services programs at SAMHSA**: As Congress works on the budget for 2012 and beyond, we must continue to fully fund SAMHSA programs.
- **Protect children’s research programs in NIH**: We must continue to protect the groundbreaking research being conducted at NIH.

To contact your representative and senators with this message via email, [click here](#).
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**Thank you for your advocacy!**

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