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**ALAMEDA ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH STATEMENT ON PROPOSED FEDERAL CUTS TO MEDICAID**

The Senate's passage of the budget reconciliation bill would cut health care services and negatively impact local hospitals, healthcare providers, businesses, and thousands of local residents.

**Alameda, CA** – Alameda Alliance for Health (the Alliance) is the local health plan that provides comprehensive health care services to over 410,000 Alameda County residents and serves more than 1 out of 4 county residents who are enrolled in Medi-Cal managed care, and other underserved populations.

Earlier today, the United States Senate passed the budget reconciliation bill which makes severe cuts to Medicaid that will have a devastating impact on Alameda County residents, Californians, and Americans alike. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the reconciliation bill would reduce federal spending on Medicaid by nearly \$800 billion over ten years and that over ten million people will lose their Medicaid coverage by 2034.

According to the Department of Health Care Services, up to 3.4 million Californians are at risk of losing health coverage and an estimated \$28.4 billion in federal funding will be at risk if the bill is passed into law. Cuts of this scale will result in the widespread loss of healthcare access, destabilize safety net systems, and negatively impact local and state economies. These harmful cuts will also force California legislators to make tough decisions that will further reduce health care coverage, lead to poorer access to care, negatively impact health outcomes in local communities, and cause harmful effects to safety net providers.

"This bill will impact every aspect of our local and national health care systems," said Alliance CEO Matthew Woodruff. "It threatens the health care of some of the most vulnerable residents in our community – including, children, families, and older adults. As the House considers this iteration of the bill, I urge them to oppose these harmful cuts to critical safety net services, including the Medicaid program."

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### **About Alameda Alliance for Health**

Alameda Alliance for Health (the Alliance) is a local, public, not-for-profit managed care health plan committed to making high quality health care services accessible and affordable to Alameda County residents. Established in 1996, the Alliance was created by and for Alameda County residents. The Alliance Board of Governors, leadership staff, and provider network reflect the county's cultural and linguistic diversity. The Alliance provides health care coverage to over 410,000 children and adults through the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) accredited Medi-Cal and Alliance Group Care programs.