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**[Hospital/Healthcare Facility Name] Highlights the Need to Protect Medicaid Funding to Safeguard [Community Name]’s Healthcare**

[CITY], Mich. — As lawmakers consider drastic cuts to Medicaid, [Hospital/Healthcare Facility Name] is calling for immediate action to protect this essential program, which provides critical healthcare services to more than 2.6 million Michigan residents, including X within [Community Name].

Medicaid has saved lives across every stage of life, kept hospitals open, and strengthened the overall well-being of individuals and families in our community. Any funding reductions would have devastating consequences for patients, providers, and local economies.

“Medicaid is a cornerstone of America’s healthcare system and plays a vital role in ensuring access to long-term care, maternity care, and mental health services,” said [Hospital/Healthcare Facility Representative]. “It is the single largest payer for these services, and without adequate funding, healthcare facilities like ours will face immense challenges in maintaining operations and serving our community.”

Medicaid coverage not only improves health outcomes but also supports economic stability by helping enrollees maintain or find employment and reducing medical debt. One of Michigan’s Medicaid programs, the expansion known as the Healthy Michigan Plan, has been a resounding success, lowering the state’s uninsured rate and contributing to financial security for families. Additionally, Medicaid funding is critical to sustaining Michigan’s healthcare workforce, the largest private-sector employer in the state.

However, proposed federal cuts to Medicaid—through mechanisms like block grants, per capita caps, and reduced federal matching rates—could create a \$1.73 billion shortfall in Michigan’s budget. Such cuts would jeopardize access to healthcare for millions across the state, including 970,000 children who rely on Medicaid for essential care, and X residents in [Community Name]. [Insert any additional economic or healthcare-related implications.]

“Losing rural hospitals would be catastrophic for Michigan communities,” [Hospital/Healthcare Facility Representative] said. “It will force our residents to travel longer distances for care, increase delays in treatment, and severely impact emergency services, maternity care, mental health treatment, and long-term care.”

As Medicaid continues to be a lifeline for Michigan residents, [Hospital/Healthcare Facility Name] urges residents to support their call to state and federal lawmakers to reject any funding cuts that would destabilize healthcare access and affordability. Protecting Medicaid is vital to ensuring that all Michiganders can receive the care they need while preserving jobs and sustaining local economies.

To learn more about the important work being done in [Community Name] by [Hospital/Healthcare Facility Name], visit [website].

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