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WASHINGTON - The National Health Law Program (NHeLP) opposes the Administration's proposal to replace Medicaid with a block grant.

Virtually every state is considering painful cuts to Medicaid eligibility and benefits.

In addition, the states must accept a capped federal allotment, i.e., a fixed amount of federal dollars.

Further, the Administration's proposal would disburse federal dollars on a discretionary basis.

The block grant also destroys Medicaid's role as an entitlement program.

Now is not the time to scale back the federal government's share of the cost of Medicaid.