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## **Congressional Call-In Day: Take Action to Support HIV/AIDS, Medicaid, Medicare, and Other Health Programs**

**Debt ceiling negotiations threaten to severely cut funding to vital programs**

### **Background:**

- Congressional negotiations to reduce the federal deficit are still stuck, **putting at risk critical services upon which millions of Americans rely, including persons living with HIV/AIDS.**
- **The Ryan White Program, Medicaid, housing, prevention and other programs** that make up the social safety net for vulnerable Americans with HIV/AIDS and the **NIH-supported research that holds the keys** to ending the pandemic are all on the line.
- **Congress is negotiating now to reduce the deficit and is scheduled to vote on this issue this week, so we need to exert pressure now.**

### **Action Needed:**

**Please call your Senators and Representative** and tell them to prevent harmful cuts and caps to health care and low-income programs, including those that impact persons with HIV/AIDS, in negotiations to reduce the deficit. ***Please help make these critical calls today!***

- **To call your Senators and Representative, please call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121**

### **Message:**

Please call with this message:

**"I am calling to ask my Senator/Representative to prevent harmful cuts and caps to health care and low-income programs, including those that impact persons living with HIV/AIDS, such as the Ryan White Program, Medicaid, housing and prevention programs. We need a fair and balanced approach now!"**

**Balancing the budget on the backs of vulnerable Americans, including those living with HIV, is wrong,**

**will potentially cost lives, and will cut jobs in the health care and human needs sectors.**

**Early and reliable access to HIV care, treatment, and support helps people with HIV live healthy and productive lives and is cost effective. Investing in HIV prevention today translates into greater health and less spending in the future.**

**In my state/district, such programs are greatly needed, because *(insert local details or tell personal story)*.**

**If you have questions, please contact \_\_\_\_\_, thank you!"**

For more information, visit the [NMAC Public Policy and Action Alert forum](#).

This alert is being sent by the AIDS Budget and Appropriations Coalition (ABAC), a working group of the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership (FAPP), a coalition of over one hundred national and community-based HIV/AIDS and public health organizations that represent people living with HIV/AIDS, HIV medical provider and researchers, and advocates, as well as community organizations that provide critical HIV related health care and support services. ABAC advocates for increased resources for domestic HIV/AIDS programs across the federal government.

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## **About NMAC**

The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) builds leadership within communities of color to address challenges of HIV/AIDS. Since 1987, NMAC has advanced this mission through a variety of programs and services, including: a public policy education program, national and regional training conferences, a treatment and research program, numerous publications and a website: <http://www.nmac.org/>.

Today, NMAC is an association of AIDS service organizations providing valuable information to community-based organizations, hospitals, clinics and other groups assisting individuals and families affected by the AIDS epidemic. NMAC's advocacy efforts are funded through private funders and donors only.

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