



THE HOSPITAL & HEALTHSYSTEM ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

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TO: Honorable Members of the General Assembly
FROM: James M. Redmond, Senior Vice President, Legislative Services
SUBJECT: HAP Interactive Map Provides Closer Look at Medical Assistance Population

Issue: Medicaid, known as Medical Assistance in Pennsylvania, is the safety net health care insurer for the young, the elderly, persons with disabilities—the people least able to work. They must have access to hospital services in urban, suburban, and rural communities. To learn more about the people behind the Medical Assistance program in your district, The Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) has developed an [interactive map](#) on www.CareforPA.org which provides statistics on the Medical Assistance population by county.

Background: The Medical Assistance program serves more than two million Pennsylvanians. Hospitals are the health care safety net, providing care to all of these patients. Medical Assistance funding is critical to hospitals.

HAP Message: Pennsylvania’s hospitals and health systems oppose the Governor’s proposed hospital Medical Assistance payment cuts of \$333.3 million (state/federal). With the elimination of adultBasic and the recession causing an increase in Medicaid enrollment, this is not the time to weaken the hospital safety net that provides care to those in critical need.

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