



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 Video—The Medicaid Connection: Patients, Hospitals, and Communities

Issue: The Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) has produced two short videos on [The Medicaid Connection: Patients, Hospitals, and Communities](#), to provide lawmakers, community leaders, and patients with an inside perspective on the importance of the Medical Assistance safety net in Pennsylvania. Hear from hospital leaders, community leaders, and a patient who speaks candidly about the importance of the Medical Assistance safety net to his quality of life.

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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