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## **FEDERAL ISSUES ACTION ALERT WE NEED YOUR HELP TODAY!**

### **Medicaid Regulations and CMS Directive on SCHIP**

In the wake of the yesterday's incredible 349-62 passage of H.R. 5613, certain Senate Republicans are circulating a letter urging their colleagues to oppose attempts to move a similar bill in the Senate. You may access the letter, which asks the Senate to reject the moratoria on seven regulations and to instead focus on making changes to improve the legislation by clicking [here](#) or download the attachment. This letter is being distributed to Senate offices individually and the goal is to quickly get enough Republicans on the letter to show that the Senate couldn't override a Presidential veto. Things are moving very quickly in the Senate and we need your help with these two action items:

- 1) Ask both Senators Bond and McCaskill to support moratoria on all seven regulations passed by the House and move legislation as quickly as possible.**

Senator Kit Bond           202-224-5721

Senator McCaskill       202-224-6154

- 2) CALL SENATOR BOND TODAY, and ask him not to sign the Republican Dear Colleague letter.**

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The letter suggests that Congress should develop alternatives to the regulations rather than temporarily delay them. Remind your Senators that time is of the essence -- if the regulations are not delayed this spring, the regulations will do irreparable harm. Passing moratoria does not mean that Congress cannot simultaneously pursue improvements to the regulations -- the moratoria simply give Congress necessary time to deliberate and the Senate should follow the House and pass moratoria on all seven regulations.

**Your action made a difference in the Senate Vote - We need your help again!**