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CONGRESSMAN FALDOMAVAEGA APPLAUDS
CMS DECISION TO INCREASE MEDICAID
FMAP FOR ELIGIBLE TERRITORIES

Congressman Faleomavaega today issued the following statement in response to a decision by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to increase the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for eligible U.S. Territories.

“I am pleased to hear today of CMS’ decision to offer each US Territory the opportunity to receive increases to the federal Medicaid matching rate provided by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). CMS’ announcement today provides for each eligible Territory to receive two increases to their FMAP. CMS will send a letter to Medicaid directors in the five U.S. Territories outlining the specific information needed to determine the eligibility of each Territory. According to CMS, one potential increase will be determined by whether a Territory fulfills the requirements for an ‘expansion state’ matching rate. The other increase will be a temporary (2 year) 2.2 percentage point increase for all expenditures in jurisdictions that do not claim any ‘newly eligible’ matching funds. CMS has also determined that both increases will be available to Territories that meet the criteria for ‘expansion state’ designation. CMS will be reaching out to each

Territory similarly to each of the States and the District of Columbia.

“From the outset of negotiations leading up to the passage of the Affordable Care Act, one of the key issues for the U.S. Territories was to increase the FMAP for each Territory. Along with my colleagues from the U.S. Territories, I have continuously voiced American Samoa’s desire for state-like treatment in which our FMAP is set according to per capita income to reflect our true ability to share in financing Medicaid services. The ACA increased the Territories’ FMAP from 50 to 55 percent federal share. The ACA also gave American Samoa a \$180 million increase in the Territory’s Medicaid statutory cap over a nine year period, from 2011 through 2019, lifting the overall cap to \$285.5 million in Medicaid funding. However, while the increase in funding caps were a victory for the Territories, the fact of the matter is, the ability of the Territories to draw down on this additional federal funding is limited because of the required FMAP.

“I thank Secretary Sebelius, Administrator Marilyn Tavenner, and their team for their work and outreach to American Samoa and our fellow Territories. While full parity by statute is still a goal to be realized for the Territories, I am pleased nonetheless that the most recent decision by CMS will provide an opportunity for Territories to receive an increased FMAP, pending eligibility.”

HEATHER SCHNEIDER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Heather Schneider for receiving the 2014 City of Golden Mayor’s Award of Excellence.

The City of Golden honors Heather for her dedication to supporting and improving the Golden community. She is a Golden native and mother of three young children. In addition to working part-time at an engineering firm, Heather is also a graduate of Leadership Golden, a founding member of the Golden Young Professionals, and an enormous advocate for the Golden School Foundation where she has been instrumental in helping to raise money and awareness for the needs of our public schools through marketing the Golden Gallop.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Heather Schneider for this well-deserved recognition by the City of Golden.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 9

Time to be announced
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider pending nominations.
TBA

10 a.m.
Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine Social Security, focusing on if there is a key foundation of economic security working for women.
SD-215

10:30 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism
To hold hearings to examine campus sexual assault, focusing on the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement.
SD-226

11 a.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development
To hold hearings to examine inequality, opportunity, and the housing market.
SD-538

2:30 p.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights
To hold hearings to examine the state of civil and human rights in the United States.
SD-226

DECEMBER 10

10 a.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, focusing on the effective enforcement

and the future of derivatives regulation.
SR-328A
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine cybersecurity, focusing on enhancing coordination to protect the financial sector.
SD-538

10:30 a.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
Subcommittee on African Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the Ebola epidemic, focusing on the keys to success for the international response.
SD-419

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security
To hold hearings to examine passenger rail, focusing on investing in our nation's future.
SR-253

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the President's executive action on immigration and the need to pass comprehensive reform.
SD-226

DECEMBER 11

10 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-226