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Venice Family Clinic statement on Senate health care bill

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“The health care bill introduced yesterday by the Senate Republican work group is no better than the one passed by House Republicans last month. It too would slash Medicaid coverage for millions of poor people, weaken insurance price controls for older Americans, and cut key consumer protections, including coverage of preexisting conditions and bans on annual and lifetime limits on benefits. It’s a cruel and backward bill that would destabilize the entire health care system.”

“Senate Republicans outside of the work group should ignore this bill, set aside their ideologies, and shift their focus to working with Democrats and Independents on health care legislation that works for all Americans. It’s hard to argue with what works.”

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About Venice Family Clinic:

Venice Family Clinic’s mission is to provide quality primary health care to people in need. Launched in 1970 by founder Phillip Rossman, MD, and co-founder Mayer B. Davidson, MD, the Clinic has grown from a small storefront operation into the largest community health center on the Westside of Los Angeles. With the help of more than 1,000 volunteers, including nearly 400 volunteer physicians, Venice Family Clinic is the medical home for approximately 24,000 low-income and homeless patients each year through 12 sites in Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista, Inglewood and Culver City. For more information, visit www.venicefamilyclinic.org.