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Call for Support of H.R. 4213 "American Jobs, Closing the Tax Loopholes and Preventing Outsourcing" Act

As many of you are aware states are facing difficult economic times and budgets are being cut drastically. Many states are in the process of finalizing their 2011 budgets which begin on July 1st.

Several states have figured in their budgets that they will be receiving an increase in FMAP funding (the federal share of Medicaid). If there is no increase in the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP), states will be required to take drastic measures and cut important services that citizens with disabilities rely upon.

Passing H.R. 4213 will mean that states will be provided a 6-month extension of FMAP funding. This is critical to ensure that states will be able to continue to provide Medicaid services.

Please contact your Representative **TODAY** and urge them to vote for the passage of H.R. 4213. Call toll-free at 1-877-442-6801 and explain why the "American Jobs, Closing Tax Loopholes and Preventing Outsourcing" Act **MUST be passed!**

Sample Script:

- "May I please speak to the staff member who works on health policy?"
- "Hi, my name is ____ and I am urging Representative ____ to vote for H.R. 4213, the 'American Jobs, Closing Tax Loopholes and Preventing Outsourcing' Act".
- "It is important that this bill passes because it will provide a 6-month extension to FMAP Medicaid funding. Many citizens with disabilities rely on Medicaid and without adequate funding, vital services will have to be eliminated. Thank you!"

To find out who your Representative is please visit: www.house.gov. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Birmingham, APSE's Public Policy Associate, at (301) 279-0060.

Thank you!



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