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Governor Corbett Reacts to House Republicans Stance on Medicaid Expansion

Harrisburg – Governor Tom Corbett released a statement in response to a press conference held today by House Republicans.

During the press conference, they voiced their opposition to Medicaid expansion in Pennsylvania at this time, instead asking that the state examine the program more closely and work on fixing its existing problems.

In response, Corbett stated:

"I want to thank Chairman Matt Baker, Rep. Mauree Gingrich and the House Republican caucus for supporting Medicaid reform and advocating for increased access to quality, affordable healthcare.

As we looked more closely at the Medicaid program as part of the decision-making process over the last year or so, it's become more and more apparent that reform is absolutely critical.

That's why we've been working with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) to ask for common sense ways to make the program more sustainable and effective, whether through requiring those on the program to contribute a moderate co-payment if they can afford it, promoting a pathway to independence through a work search requirement, or better aligning benefits to meet their needs.

By making our program more effective, we can reserve taxpayer dollars for those most in need, now, and well into the future.

We welcome the House Republicans assistance in examining our program more closely and look forward to working with them as we continue our discussions with HHS over the next few months."

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