

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Rep. Dan Deasy
DATE: March 10, 2010
RE: CO-SPONSORSHIP – FMAP EXTENSION

I plan to introduce a resolution urging the Congress to pass, and the President to sign, legislation that would extend the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage extension to June 30, 2011.

As many of you may know, the Congress included provisions in the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) that increased the Federal FMAP share for states' Medicaid programs to generally 6.2%. The FMAP increase (commonly referred to as "Enhanced FMAP") helped Pennsylvania and other States avoid making drastic cuts in their Medicaid programs during the economic downturn.

Although the Commonwealth and many other States continue to struggle with budget shortfalls, Enhanced FMAP will expire on December 31, 2010; the mid-point of most States' 2011 fiscal year. Additionally, the budgets of many states will be compromised, fiscally, if the Congress fails to extend the FMAP provisions of the ARRA.

Therefore, if you would like to join me in sponsoring this resolution, please contact Louise Koppenheffer at lkoppenh@pahouse.net or by calling 787.5470.

Thank you.