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**STATEMENT OF ACAP CEO MARGARET A. MURRAY ON THE
*STABILIZE MEDICAID AND CHIP COVERAGE ACT OF 2015***

WASHINGTON – Margaret A. Murray, Chief Executive Officer of the Association for Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP), issued the following statement after H.R. 700, *The Stabilize Medicaid and CHIP Coverage Act of 2015*, was introduced in the House of Representatives by Reps. Gene Green (D-Texas) and Joe Barton (R-Texas). The bill would provide 12 months of continuous enrollment to all who qualify for Medicaid or CHIP.

“ACAP applauds Representatives Green and Barton for their leadership in acting in a bipartisan way to assure that the Medicaid and CHIP programs offer beneficiaries coverage they can count on through 12 months of continuous enrollment, much like enrollees in private health plans, Medicare and other health plans currently enjoy.

“Millions of Americans who are otherwise eligible for coverage through Medicaid or CHIP are thrown off the program owing to tiny changes in income, or issues with paperwork. This “churning” leads to worse health outcomes through interruptions in care, burdens providers and health plans with avoidable red tape, and leads to needlessly higher costs for taxpayers. Twelve months of continuous eligibility is a common-sense solution for which ACAP has advocated over the past several years.

“We call upon other Members of Congress to join Reps. Barton and Green and promptly pass the *Stabilize Medicaid and CHIP Coverage Act*. Adults and families with low incomes deserve coverage they can count on.”

About ACAP

ACAP represents 59 nonprofit Safety Net Health Plans in 24 states, which collectively serve more than twelve million people enrolled in Medicaid, Medicare, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and other publicly-sponsored health coverage programs. For more information, visit www.communityplans.net or www.coverageyoucancounton.org.

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