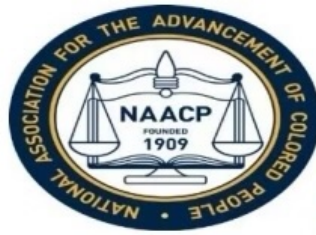


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Houston NAACP Calls For Reinstatement Of Medicaid Supplemental Payments

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"Killing Medicaid Supplemental funding payments is equivalent to killing people. The cost to Texas hospitals is over 5 Billion Dollars, and vulnerable patients will suffer!"

On Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 10:00 am, a press event will be held at the Federal Courthouse in Tyler, Texas. The event will be held during an important Motion Hearing to enforce a preliminary Injunction which will be held in Court 306, Judge J. Campbell Barker. The courthouse address is 211 W. Ferguson Street, Tyler, TX.

Dr. James Dixon, NAACP Houston Branch President, and a group of leaders and organizations have formed the Saving Hospitals Saves Lives Coalition. In alignment with the health & well-being advocacy agenda of the National NAACP, the coalition's purpose is to advocate for the Federal Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services to reinstate funding for Medicaid Supplemental payments.

In August 2021, the Federal Center For Medicaid and Medicare Services chose not to renew funding for Medicaid supplemental payments; this action put hospitals across Texas in a 5-billion-dollar chokehold. Now, millions of Medicaid patients will not receive healthcare services from hospitals that will not be able to afford to treat them, which includes life threatening conditions.

This adverse policy of the Federal Government implemented by CMS has jeopardized hospitals in Houston/Harris County and in counties throughout Texas. That is why a campaign is being mounted by a coalition that includes faith leaders, social justice organizations, like the Houston NAACP; Tyler NAACP, Cedric Grandberry; Push Democracy Forward, Robert Williams, union leaders, healthcare professionals and concerned citizens. These groups are organizing with their members and colleagues in cities and counties across Texas. The coalition also includes Dr. Sam Gilbert, II, Rev. Steve Miller, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Senator Carol Alvarado, Senator Boris Miles, Representative Ron Reynolds, Dr. Shirley McKellar, Commissioner Rodney Ellis, and many more.

Please provide coverage for this essential press event. It is literally a life and death matter. Please confirm by contacting Kiyana Gauvin at 561-860-1245.

Thank you on behalf of the Saving Hospitals to Saves Lives Coalition.

In The Fight for Justice,

Dr. James Dixon, II

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