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Officials representing the nation’s largest counties to rally on Capitol Hill to preserve Medicaid

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV (D-W. Va.) will stand with representatives of the nation’s largest counties who are rallying for Congressional support this week to preserve Medicaid.

The National Association of Counties’ (NACo) Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) “Rally on Capitol Hill” will take place at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 4 in the Capitol Visitors Center to voice opposition to a proposal to turn Medicaid into a federal block grant program for the states.

WHAT: NACo Rally on Capitol Hill
WHO: Members of NACo’s Large Urban County Caucus, Chaired by Ilene Lieberman, Commissioner, Broward County, Fla.; Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV; and Tim McCormick, Commission Chair, Ohio County, W.Va.
WHEN: 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, 2011
WHERE: Capital Visitors Center (SVC 201)

Counties believe that converting Medicaid into a federal block grant program to the states would lead to a massive cost-shift to revenue-strapped counties and could jeopardize millions of jobs and services within the nations’ health care delivery system.

As part of this week’s LUCC’s “fly-in” advocacy effort, more than a dozen elected county officials will visit Congressional offices throughout the day Wednesday and Thursday on preserving Medicaid and supporting other federal funding priorities – such as the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) – for county governments and communities.

LUCC is a bipartisan coalition of elected county officials representing about 130 million people. The fly-in will be led by Broward County, Fla. Commissioner Ilene Lieberman, who chairs the LUCC group. For more information, contact Jim Philipps at 202.942.4220 or jphilipps@naco.org.

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The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation’s 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org.