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Statement of AMCHP CEO Terrance E. Moore on House Passage of Build Back Better Act

Washington, D.C. – Terrance E. Moore, MA, Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP), issued the following statement in response to passage by the U.S. House of Representatives of the Build Back Better Act.

“Today’s House passage of the Build Back Better Act brings our country one big step closer to securing foundational and transformative investments to improve maternal and child health and eliminate long-standing racial and ethnic inequities in maternal and child health outcomes in the U.S.”

“This once-in-a-generation legislation addresses gaps in access to care for pregnant and postpartum individuals, children, and families, invests in our public health workforce and infrastructure, and establishes or expands programs to help families and communities thrive, including paid family and medical leave, child care support, universal pre-k, and home- and community-based services.”

“Further, by establishing 12 months of postpartum Medicaid and CHIP coverage as the national standard and by making historic investments in solutions from the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act developed and implemented by Black, Indigenous, and other women of color, enactment of the Build Back Better Act will mark a turning point in our collective mission to eliminate preventable maternal death and injury and achieve maternal health equity.”

“As a national organization representing state leaders in public health dedicated to improving maternal and child health, AMCHP is thrilled by today’s House passage of the Build Back Better Act. We urge the Senate to swiftly approve this critically important legislation and send it to President Biden for his signature into law. We look forward to rolling up our sleeves to put these investments and programs to work for our nation’s parents, children, and families.”

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