



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO

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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairperson
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Chairperson
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
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The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Ranking Member
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United States House of Representatives
2107 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairperson Wyden, Chairperson McMorris Rodgers, Ranking Member Crapo, and Ranking Member Pallone:

On behalf of the Puerto Rico Department of Health—the single State Medicaid Agency—I am submitting the attached 2024 Puerto Rico Annual Report to Congress, as required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, P.L. 117-328. The 2024 Annual Report complies with requirements set forth in Section 1108(g)(9) of the Social Security Act.

P.L. 117-328 reinstated annual reporting for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 and each subsequent year before FFY 2028 if Puerto Rico receives a Medicaid cap increase or an increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for the fiscal year. The report should include the most up-to-date information available describing how the territory has used the Medicaid cap and FMAP increases to increase access to healthcare under the Medicaid State Plan.

Puerto Rico greatly appreciates the increase in the federal capped Medicaid allotment and the stability provided through 2027. This funding helps ensure interim fiscal stability for Puerto Rico's Medicaid Program, thereby increasing access to needed healthcare services for individuals with low incomes in Puerto Rico. The government of Puerto Rico recognizes the importance of transparency and is providing this report as a response to how the annual allotment received from P.L. 117-328 supports our Medicaid enterprise, enables Puerto Rico to increase Medicaid eligibility levels, and improve access to healthcare for Medicaid beneficiaries.

This report comprises an overview of Puerto Rico's Medicaid Enterprise; the landscape in which it operates; and updates on current and future tasks, activities, and actions to sustain future program improvements. These activities take place among navigating other complex challenges unique to Puerto Rico.

As we support Medicaid program operations and explore program improvement options, we look forward to maintaining a strong relationship with our federal partners and Congress to advance our program's momentum and build on this stable funding beyond 2027 with permanent state-like funding. This report captures actions we have taken and demonstrates our capacity and commitment to the beneficiaries we serve by operating a strong Medicaid program.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 787-765-2929 ext. 6913 / 3383 or via email at drcarlos.mellado@salud.pr.gov / Dinorah.collazo@salud.pr.gov.

Sincerely,



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