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Local Governments, National Healthcare Associations, and Nonprofits Call on Congress to Consider the *Social Determinants Accelerator Act*

WASHINGTON, DC (January 6, 2020) – Aligning for Health, a coalition of leading health insurers, providers, and vendors, is proud to join a wide range of organizations in calling on Energy and Commerce Committee leaders to move the *Social Determinants Accelerator Act (SDAA)* (*H.R. 4004*).

Signers of the letter include numerous leading nonprofits and advocacy organizations as well state organizations such as the National League of Cities and the National Association of Counties. Hospital groups, health plans, social workers, business coalitions, medical groups associations and many others support the request that Congress take up social determinants legislation.

The Social Determinants Accelerator Act – bipartisan legislation introduced by Reps. Bustos (D-IL), Cole (R-OK), McGovern (D-MA), and McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) will help states and communities devise strategies to leverage existing programs and authorities to address all aspects of health, including food, housing, transportation, and workforce. A Senate version of the legislation is being led by Senators Young (IN) and Stabenow (MI) (S. 2986).

Economic and social conditions have a powerful impact on our health and wellness. Known as social determinants of health, a focus on these non-medical factors can improve health outcomes and wellbeing. States and local governments are increasingly looking toward social determinants to manage costs and to improve health outcomes within their Medicaid programs. One of the greatest challenges to high-impact interventions is the difficulty of navigating fragmented and complex federal programs.

“This legislation will give states and communities the resources to develop plans to integrate health and non-health interventions to create a more holistic approach to well-being,” said Krista Drobac, Co-Chair of Aligning for Health.

Learn more about the Social Determinants Accelerator Act at <http://aligningforhealth.org/social-determinants-accelerator-act/>.

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