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Statement from Amida Care on Reports of the Trump Administration's Plans to Cut Federal HIV Prevention Funding

(NEW YORK, NY) – Amida Care, New York's largest Medicaid Special Needs Health Plan and expert in HIV, sexual health, and gender-affirming care, released the following statement from Joe Pressley, Vice President of Public Policy and Government Relations, in response to reports that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is considering drastic cuts to federal HIV prevention funding:

"Cutting funding for the CDC's Division of HIV Prevention is not just shortsighted—it is dangerous. These reckless cuts would strip away the very infrastructure that has prevented countless infections and saved lives, dragging us back to a time when people unknowingly lived with HIV and died without treatment. If these cuts move forward, they will lead to a national surge in new infections and AIDS-related deaths, wiping out decades of hard-fought progress.

"Ending HIV is critical for our nation's health and financial stability. The Trump administration is turning its back on its own commitment to ending the HIV epidemic. In 2019, President Trump stood before the nation and pledged to end HIV in America. The investments that followed led to essential work in urban, rural, and suburban communities throughout the country that are disproportionately impacted by HIV. Now, with groundbreaking longer-acting HIV prevention and treatment innovations becoming available as early as this year, we have a golden opportunity to end the epidemic. Yet the Trump administration is poised to abandon that progress.

"These proposals are part of a broader attack on our health care system, including a plan to slash \$880 billion from Medicaid—the largest source of coverage for people living with HIV. This will disproportionately devastate low-income communities, LGBTQ+ communities, and communities of color, who already bear the greatest burden of the HIV epidemic.

"Preventing HIV saves lives—and saves billions in health care costs. Every dollar invested in prevention pays off many times over by reducing the need for costly treatment and care. We cannot afford to go backward. Federal leaders must reject these dangerous cuts and reaffirm our nation's commitment to ending HIV once and for all."

Amida Care Inc. is a not-for-profit Medicaid health plan in New York City and expert in HIV, sexual health, and gender-affirming care. It specializes in providing comprehensive health coverage and

coordinated care to New Yorkers with complex conditions, including HIV, and people who are of transgender experience or homeless (regardless of HIV status). Amida Care has a wide network of health care providers throughout New York City and is the largest Medicaid Special Needs Health Plan (SNP) in New York State. For more information, visit www.amidacareny.org.

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