## **Medicaid In Puerto Rico**

The Medicaid funding and federal matching rate that Congress provided for Puerto Rico in 2018 is set to expire in the Fall of 2019. Congress must start working now to find a long-term, bipartisan solution to address this issue—better known as the "Medicaid Cliff." The federal government's drastic underfunding of Medicaid in Puerto Rico and the absence of a long-term solution to the Cliff have placed the island at risk of a humanitarian crisis.

## Chronic Disease Prevalence Among States With Highest and Lowest Per-Capita **Federal Medicaid Spending** Diabetes Prevalence % Disease Cardiovascular Disease Prevalence Federal Medicaid Spending Prevalence \$10,000 15% \$8,000 10% \$6,000 \$4,000 5% \$2,000 \$O 0%

Sources: Centers For Disease Control And Prevention, Medicaid.gov

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The American citizens of Puerto Rico have both the highest rates of chronic disease and the lowest per-capita federal Medicaid funding in the U.S. And because the U.S. government treats Medicaid differently in Puerto Rico than in states—with capped, short-term funds—the island is often in danger of losing all federal Medicaid funding.

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## **About MMAPA**

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