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Action Alert: Email the MRT

In response to the hurried and flawed process used to develop proposals for Medicaid redesign, the SOS-C asks allies to send emails to members of the Medicaid Redesign Team expressing our distaste with their decision making process.

Sample text and email addresses of MRT members are below.

Subject: Disappointed with Medicaid Redesign Process

Sample text:

“Medicaid Redesign Team –

We are saddened and angered by the “rush to judgment” on February 24th in the vote of the Medicaid Redesign Team to approve a package of recommendations that you had in your hands for less than 24 hours. There had been major changes in what recommendations you were being asked to vote on, yet you voted. The information was just made available on the web site the same day as the vote. The aborting of the time frame by five days meant the public had no opportunity to review, digest, and comment on this package – much of which will have a dramatic impact on people’s lives.

The process had so many flaws that it would be difficult to name all of them. But while trying to appear as this was a public transparent process, in the end it was anything but open and public. To cite just one “mistake”, Mr. Introne acknowledged publicly at the meeting on February 24th that people who had been listed in support of proposal #67, had actually spoke in opposition to this proposal. #67, or Berger 2, would make money available to close, consolidate or merge hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics and was actively supported by Ken Raske (GNYHA) and Stephen Berger.”

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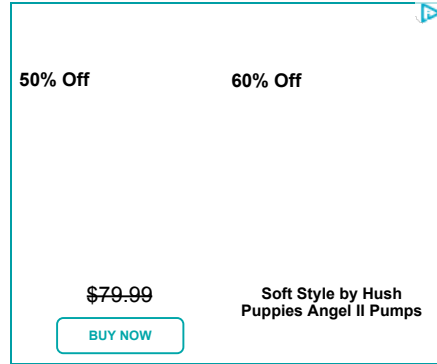
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Medicaid Redesign Team

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