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**STATEMENT FROM THE JOHN A. HARTFORD FOUNDATION ON PRESIDENT TRUMP'S
PROPOSED FY18 BUDGET**

New York, NY (May 24, 2017) – Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN, president of The John A. Hartford Foundation in New York City, shares the deep concerns of so many citizens worried about the Trump administration's proposed funding reductions for national safety net programs:

"Nearly 6.3 million older adults, or 15 percent of the senior population, rely on Medicaid for nursing home care and other services in the community. Surely our most vulnerable older adults are fearful about these proposed cuts and are right to be worried if these changes are enacted.

"The proposed \$610 billion in reductions to Medicaid funding over 10 years, on top of the more than \$800 billion in cuts proposed through repeal of the Affordable Care Act, would be devastating to those seeking relief from escalating long-term care expenses. The proposed elimination of relatively low-cost programs for rural hospitals and geriatrics workforce training would also greatly diminish the nation's ability to provide desperately needed care to older adults and their families."

About Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN

Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN is the President of The John A. Hartford Foundation in New York City, a foundation dedicated to improving the care of older adults. She was recently recognized for her leadership as one of the top 50 Influencers in Aging by PBS's Next Avenue, the premier digital publication dedicated to covering issues for older Americans. Dr. Fulmer is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine). She previously served as Distinguished Professor and Dean of the Bouvé College of Health Sciences & Professor of Public Policy and Urban Affairs in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities at Northeastern University. Prior to that, she served as the Erline Perkins McGriff Professor of Nursing and founding Dean of the New York University College of Nursing. Dr. Fulmer is nationally and internationally recognized as a leading expert in geriatrics and is best known for her research on the topic of elder abuse and neglect. Her clinical appointments have included the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, the Massachusetts General Hospital, and the NYU Langone Medical Center. She received her bachelor's degree from Skidmore College, her master's and doctoral degrees from Boston College and her Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate from New York University. To learn more about Dr. Fulmer, please visit www.johnahartford.org/about/staff/terry-fulmer.

About The John A. Hartford Foundation

Founded in 1929 by John and George Hartford of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A&P groceries), The John A. Hartford Foundation, based in New York City, is a private, nonpartisan philanthropy dedicated to improving the care of older adults. Every eight seconds, someone in America turns 65. The largest-ever generation of older adults is living and working longer, redefining later life, and enriching our communities and society. Comprehensive, coordinated, and continuous care that keeps older adults as healthy as possible is essential to sustaining these valuable contributions. The John A. Hartford Foundation believes that its investments in aging experts and innovations can transform how care is delivered, lowering costs and dramatically improving the health of older adults. Additional information about the Foundation and its programs is available at www.johnahartford.org.

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