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Effective  
April 1, 2017**

## Martin Cleaning Service

**Carpet & Upholstery  
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Minimum Service CHG.  
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A small distance/travel  
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2 Cleaning Areas or more  
\$30.00 each Area  
**Pre-Spray Traffic Areas**  
(Includes: 1 small Hallway)  
**1 Cleaning Area (only)**  
\$50.00  
Includes Pre-Spray Traffic Area  
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**Stairs (12-16 stairs - With  
Other Services): \$30.00**

**Area/Oriental Rugs:**  
\$25.00 Minimum

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\$40.00 Minimum

**Heavily Soiled Area:**  
\$10.00 each area  
(Requiring Extensive Pre-Spraying)

### UPHOLSTERY CLEANING

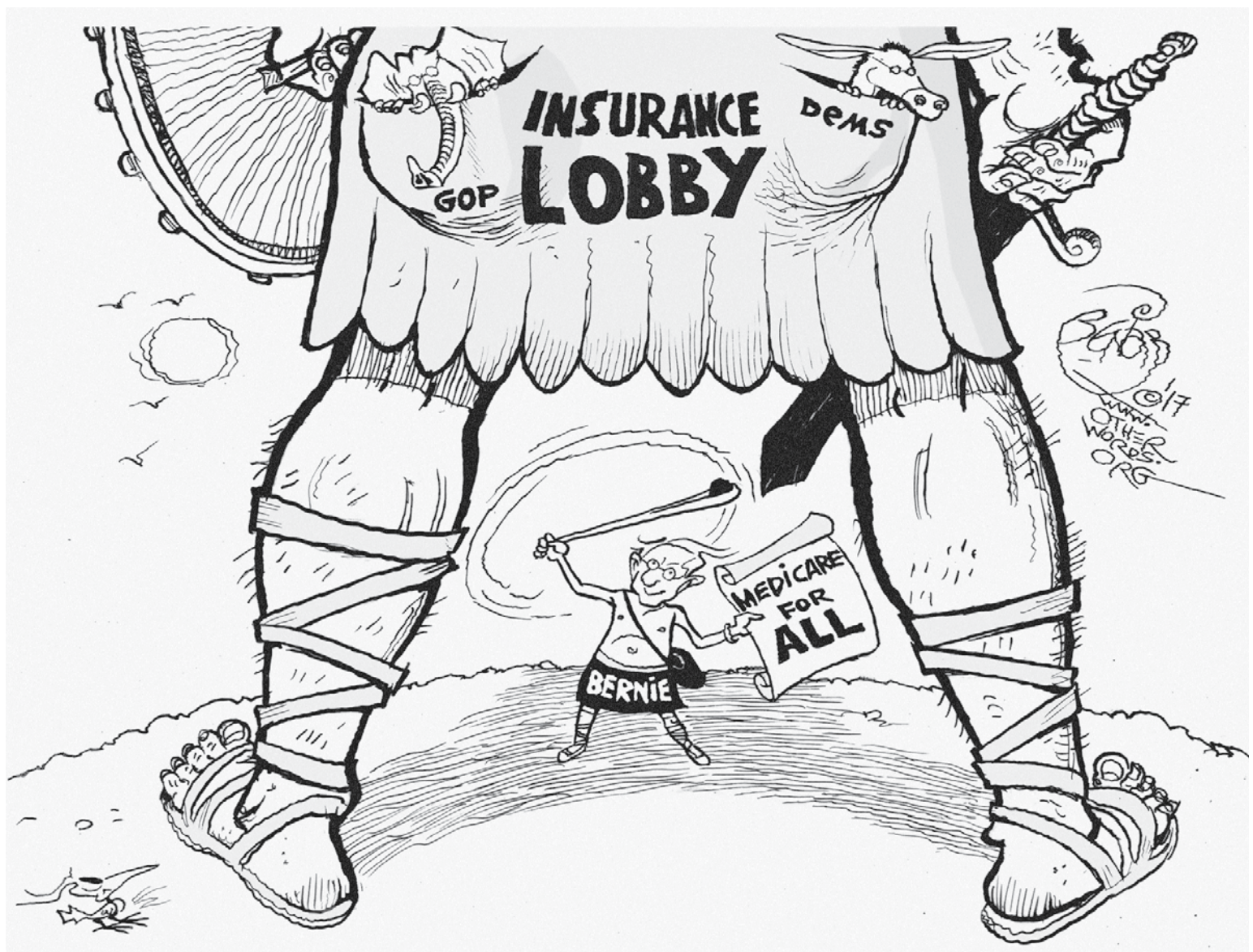
Sofa: \$69.00  
Loveseat: \$49.00  
Sectional: \$109 - \$139  
Chair or Recliner:  
\$25.00 - \$49.00  
Throw Pillows (With  
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# OPINION



## Healthcare for Millions of Children at Stake

### Congress must act now to avoid disruption

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On May 11, 1997 Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) began his remarks at a Children's Defense Fund conference with the lyrics from "Freedom's Light," a song written by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), as the two together announced historic legislation that ultimately led to the creation of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) which has brought light, hope and health care to nearly nine million low-income children in the form of affordable health insurance.

Thanks to their tireless bipartisan work over many months, Kennedy and Hatch got CHIP across the finish line and it was signed into law by President Clinton on Aug. 5, 1997. I described it then and now as one of the biggest advances for children in decades. It was another historical moment when politics were divisive and broader efforts at health reform had failed – but members of Con-

gress put children first and moved forward.

It was CHIP's bipartisan beginning that set it on the path to success. For 20 years CHIP has been there, giving working families the security of knowing their children had access to high-quality, child-appropriate health coverage they could afford. CHIP has helped reduce the number of uninsured children by half, improved health outcomes and access to care for children, and helped reduce school absenteeism and improve children's readiness to learn.

Today CHIP is a lifeline for 8.9 million children living in families who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to buy private coverage. They are children like Brandon, a Houston six-year-old who needed CHIP to help cover his treatments for asthma and high blood pressure after his father lost his job; or the Philadelphia family who relied on CHIP for their three young children to see providers at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania Health System and for routine needs like visits to a mobile dental van; and others whose

stories we've shared over the years. Together CHIP and Medicaid form the foundation of our nation's health care system for children.

Now 20 years after CHIP put an entire generation of children on the path to a healthy adulthood, we stand at another pivotal moment: unless Congress takes action, funding for this essential, popular, highly successful program will end after Sept. 30. Without this funding, millions of children could lose health coverage or pay more for less comprehensive coverage, leaving these children significantly worse off than they are today.

Senator Hatch is once again leading the bipartisan charge to extend CHIP funding this time partnering with Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Oregon). They convened a Senate Finance Committee hearing on Sept. 7 to discuss CHIP's future and lay the groundwork for its urgent extension millions of children need.

If funding is not forthcoming quickly, states will have to take actions that will create chaos in program administration and confusion for families trying to access coverage for their children, including establishing waiting lists

and sending out disenrollment notices. Congress must act now to avoid harmful disruption to children's health and well-being.

Any shorter term funding extension would not allow states to invest in improvements to child health or make responsible budgeting decisions. Advance planning is critical for all states, and especially for those operating under biennial budgets.

Congress must not play politics with the health of so many millions of our children. Amidst so much unrest and insecurity in our health care system facing an opioid crisis and the aftermath of damaging hurricanes afflicting countless children, Congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle must step up together to ensure a healthy start for the 46 million children now helped by Medicaid and CHIP.

Assuring children access to needed health coverage to survive and thrive is surely something we can agree on and get done now. Children should not be political footballs for any politician or political party.

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