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# TRUMP PULLS BACK ON THREAT



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President Donald Trump speaks with reporters Monday at the White House in Washington.

## President claims 'workable' 10-point peace plan proposed

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TEHRAN, Iran — President Donald Trump late Tuesday pulled back on his threats to launch devastating strikes on Iran less than two hours before the deadline he set for Tehran to capitulate.

Trump said he would hold off on his threatened attacks on Iranian bridges, power plants and other civilian targets, subject to Tehran agreeing to a two-week ceasefire and reopening the Strait of Hormuz, through which a fifth of the world's oil typically is transported. He also said Iran proposed a "workable" 10-point peace plan that could help end war the U.S. and Israel launched Feb. 28.

Iran's Supreme National Security Council said it accepted a two-week ceasefire in the war and would negotiate with the United States in Islamabad starting Friday.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said passage through the Strait of Hormuz would be allowed for the next two weeks under Iranian military management. It wasn't immediately clear if that meant Iran would loosen its chokehold on the waterway.

In a post on social media, Trump said if Iran agreed "to the COMPLETE, IMMEDIATE, and SAFE OPENING of the Strait of Hormuz" he would "suspend the bombing and attack of Iran for a period of two weeks."



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Displaced people wait to receive donated food Monday near their tents in Beirut, Lebanon, after fleeing Israeli bombardment in southern Lebanon.

Even as the ceasefire was announced, missile alerts continued in the United Arab Emirates and Israel early Wednesday.

### Earlier Trump threats

Trump previously threatened Tuesday that a "whole civilization will die tonight"

if Iran failed to meet his latest deadline to strike a deal that includes reopening the strait. Since the war began, Trump repeatedly backed off of deadlines just before they expire.

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## Idaho announces restored Medicaid mental health programs

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After the governor signed into law a bill to reinstate cut Medicaid mental health programs, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare announced it would start reimbursing providers for the full services.

In a Medicaid information release posted Friday, Idaho Medicaid Administrator Sasha O'Connell wrote the agency would immediately resume reimbursing for the Assertive Community Treatment program, a mobile treatment program designed to serve people with severe mental illness who have struggled in routine treatment settings, and peer support services, which help people navigate mental

health treatment.

The move came a day after Idaho Gov. Brad Little signed Senate Bill 1446, which restores funding for the programs that an Idaho Medicaid contractor, Magellan, cut after the governor's order for budget cuts last year.

"Providers may immediately begin working with Magellan, United Healthcare, and Molina to restore services," O'Connell wrote. "These managed care contractors will work with providers to reach out to individual members who had been receiving (Assertive Community Treatment) and Peer Support before their elimination."

In less than three months since an

Idaho Medicaid contractor cut a mobile treatment program for people with severe mental illness, four patients died, the Idaho Capital Sun reported. In the 18 months before the cut, providers say just one patient died.

In a statement, Magellan's Idaho Executive Director David Welsh said "Magellan supports the State of Idaho's decision to reinstate Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services."

Access Behavioral Health Services co-owner Laura Scuri told the Idaho Capital Sun on Monday that providers are working with Magellan to understand how the process to reinstate the programs will work, but hopes it is restored within

the next week.

The letter from the state's Medicaid administrator, Scuri said, is "acknowledgement that we need to start moving as quickly as possible. But these are massive systems that have to reconfigure some stuff to get us back, is what we're being told. And we have to bring staff in, onboard. Most of us have to hire one or two positions, so it'll be, before it's up running and perfect, it'll be about a month. But we're going to try to put them together as quickly as we can."

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