



Protect Medicaid: Reject Cuts and Caps

Medicaid is the federal–state program that provides care for the most vulnerable Americans.

- **Two-thirds of seniors in nursing homes** are covered by Medicaid
- **39 percent of American children** receive healthcare coverage through Medicaid
- **Over 10 million people with disabilities** rely on Medicaid for care

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the House-passed *American Health Care Act* (H.R. 1628) would **cut federal Medicaid spending by \$834 billion** over ten years.

That means that by 2026, **14 million Americans**—including seniors in nursing homes, children and people with disabilities—will **lose much-needed Medicaid coverage**.

The impact of the *American Health Care Act* on people covered by Medicaid is so extreme because it doesn't simply roll back the *Affordable Care Act's* Medicaid expansion. Rather, the ***American Health Care Act* fundamentally restructures the entire Medicaid program—converting it from a guaranteed benefit to a per capita cap**.

The *American Health Care Act's* per capita cap system would impose arbitrary and inadequate limits on federal Medicaid funding for states. These limits would be well below current spending levels, thereby reducing the federal government's share of the program. This would save federal dollars by shifting costs and risks to states, beneficiaries and providers. In fact, CBO estimates that by 2026 the ***American Health Care Act* would shift nearly 25 percent of current federal Medicaid spending to states** – putting those who need and provide Medicaid services at risk of sharp cuts to eligibility, benefits and payment rates.

Any bill to replace the *Affordable Care Act* must provide better, more affordable coverage, care and consumer protections. As introduced, the *American Health Care Act* has the opposite effect, in part by **breaking Medicaid's 50-year promise** of comprehensive coverage for those who need it.

Recent revisions to the *American Health Care Act* do nothing to correct its underlying problems. Alarming, the House-passed bill substantially **weakens critical protections for people with pre-existing conditions**, putting even more Americans at risk of losing affordable coverage.

Societies are often judged by how they care for their most vulnerable people—the aging, the young, the sick and those with disabilities. Medicaid is the mechanism that exists to care for these Americans, many of whom have pre-existing conditions. Congress should not put our most vulnerable people at risk.

Protect America's most vulnerable people. Reject the *American Health Care Act* and any other legislation that cuts Medicaid, increases the number of uninsured, makes health coverage less affordable or weakens protections for people with pre-existing conditions.