



Modern Medicaid
ALLIANCE

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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20003

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20003

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Jeffries, and Minority Leader Schumer:

A healthy, productive America is a goal that we all should strive to meet as it makes our nation stronger. Inherent in that effort is ensuring that our nation's health care system is strong, efficient, and effective. The Medicaid program plays a critical role by providing access to health care services for those most vulnerable and in need, supporting safety-net providers — particularly in rural and underserved communities — and delivering a cost-effective coverage option. The cuts under consideration would have a direct impact on Medicaid beneficiaries and their ability to access needed health care. It is with this understanding that the Modern Medicaid Alliance (MMA) and its allies write to express our deep concerns and opposition to proposals as part of any joint budget resolution that would require significant reductions in federal funding to the Medicaid program to meet its targets. We urge the Senate and the House of Representatives to reject cuts to Medicaid as work continues to develop the joint fiscal year 2025 budget resolution.

The MMA is a partnership that includes leading U.S. advocacy organizations that value Medicaid. Its mission is to educate policymakers and the public about the program's benefits and to promote understanding of Medicaid's role in improving the lives of individuals and communities across the U.S. The members of the MMA and its supporters urge Congress to reject proposals that would reduce program funding or impose arbitrary, bureaucratic barriers that hinder access to care, burden providers, or otherwise undermine the stability of our nation's health care system.

Medicaid has proven to be an efficient and effective program. A reflection of the value of the program is the high level of support among Americans, with 76% expressing a favorable view, including 60% of Republicans and Trump voters.^{1,2} Medicaid provides essential access to care for children, people with disabilities, seniors, caregivers, veterans, and workers at low-wage jobs that do not offer health benefits. What is more, the vast majority of beneficiaries who can work

¹ <https://data.modernmedicaid.org/MMA/>

² <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/poll-finding/kff-health-tracking-poll-public-views-on-potential-changes-to-medicaid/>



do so: 92% of non-disabled adults under 65 who rely on Medicaid are either working, caring for a family member, managing an illness or disability, or attending school.³

Medicaid also serves as a vital foundation for critical health care providers. Rural, community, and children's hospitals rely on Medicaid to sustain services, and rural communities will be hit hardest by cuts to Medicaid funding which would force hospital closures, eliminate maternity care, limit access to other essential services, and lay off staff.^{4,5} The resulting losses to core health care infrastructure will endanger access to lifesaving care for everyone who lives in the affected communities.

Medicaid also covers 63% of nursing home residents nationwide, filling the gap left by Medicare's limited long-term care benefit. Since many residents remain in nursing homes well beyond the few weeks Medicare typically covers, Medicaid is essential to meeting the high cost of care and ensuring continued access.⁶

The program is equally vital for providers serving children, veterans, those with disabilities, caregivers, and those with behavioral health conditions living in the community. Hospitals and clinics depend on Medicaid to cover care for low-income patients, and cuts to funding would sharply increase uncompensated care costs — driving up medical debt, imposing added financial pressure on state and local governments, and shifting costs to those with private coverage. Health center leaders warn that even a small shift in patients from Medicaid to uninsured status could force clinics to reduce services or close locations, jeopardizing access to cost-effective primary care and medical services in communities.

While we appreciate that Congress is faced with challenging decisions, we strongly believe, as does the American public, that the correct course is to protect and preserve the Medicaid program and reject proposals to cut federal funding and apply policies that result in the loss of coverage. We look forward to working with you and stand ready to share constituent stories highlighting the value and importance of the Medicaid program.

Sincerely,

AARP
AASA, The School Superintendents Association
Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy
ADVION (formerly National Association for the Support of Long Term Care)
AHIP
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Rights and Recovery

³ <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/5-key-facts-about-medicaid-work-requirements/>

⁴ <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC6904260/>

⁵ <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/medicaid-block-grants-and-per-capita-caps-jeopardize-state-budgets-health-care-access-and-public-health/>

⁶ <https://medicareadvocacy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Issue-Brief-Medicaid-and-Nursing-Homes.pdf>



Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention
Alliance of Community Health Plans (ACHP)
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Community Psychiatry
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Association on Health and Disability
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
American Nurses Association
American Psychological Association Services
American Society of Addiction Medicine
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)
Association for Community Affiliated Plans
Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE)
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Blue Cross Blue Shield Association
Caregiver Action Network
Caring Across Generations
CHC: Creating Healthier Communities
Children's Hospital Association
CommunicationFIRST
Community Catalyst
CureLGMD2i
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA)
Families USA
Federation of American Hospitals
Global Liver Institute
Health Care Transformation Task Force
Healthcare Leadership Council
Healthy Schools Campaign
HealthyWomen
Huntington's Disease Society of America
International Society of Psychiatric Mental Health Nurses
Justice in Aging
Kaiser Permanente
Lakeshore Foundation
LeadingAge
Legal Action Center
LGMD2D Foundation
Little Lobbyists



Lutheran Services in America
Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA)
Mental Health America
Mission: Motherhood
NAACP
NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals
National Adult Day Services Association
National Alliance for Caregiving
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers
National Association of Community Health Centers
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Rural Health Clinics
National Council for Mental Wellbeing
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
National Federation of Families
National Health Council
National League for Nursing
National Rural Health Association
New Hampshire Psychological Association
NHMH - No Health without Mental Health
Nurses Who Vaccinate
Pennsylvania Psychological Association
Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health
Postpartum Support International Utah Chapter
Postpartum Support International Arizona Chapter
Providence
RetireSafe
School-Based Health Alliance
Speak Foundation
TASC, Inc. (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities)
TASH
Tennessee Association of Adult Day Services
The American Counseling Association
The Arc of the United States
The National Collaborative for Transformative Youth Policy
The National Service Office for Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First
Treatment Communities of America
Trinity Health
UnidosUS
United Spinal Association
Young People in Recovery
Youth Power Project