

WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAID

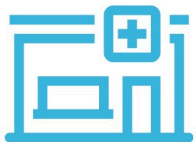
HEALTH CARE UNDER ATTACK

Medicaid is being targeted for deep budget cuts as part of a reconciliation bill coming early this year to fund tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans. The Proposal includes:

- 1 Lifetime Caps For People On Medicaid** → Limiting Medicaid eligibility to just 36 months, potentially over their entire lifetime
- 2 Reducing the Amount of Federal Funding that Matches State Medicaid Funding**
Lowering the federal match rate to 90% or lower, which would blow an at least \$235 million hole in West Virginia's state budget
- 3 Impose Burdensome Bureaucratic Reporting Requirements**
 - Medicaid's primary purpose is to provide health coverage to low-income people. It is not a work program and offers no work training support for beneficiaries
 - Over **80% of working-age adults** on Medicaid were working, acting as family caregivers, or attending school
 - There is **no evidence** that work reporting requirements in any program help people find or keep jobs
 - When parents lose health coverage, children are less likely to remain covered and receive health care
- 4 Restructure Medicaid Through Block Grants**
Block grants would shift costs to states and inevitably result in deep cuts to Medicaid programs by capping the amount of federal Medicaid funding states receive.
- 5 Introduce Per Capita Caps**
Per capita caps only increase costs for Medicaid beneficiaries – often in the form of higher premiums and out-of-pocket costs, all but ensuring that even if one qualifies for Medicaid, the services may not be affordable.

Medicaid is West Virginia's largest health insurance provider. It is an essential pillar of our health care system.

Medicaid helps fund rural hospitals by ensuring more patients can pay for their care



Rural hospitals in Medicaid expansion states are 62% less likely to close



Nearly 1 in 5 adults struggling with mental illness have access to care through Medicaid

Medicaid is the single largest payer for long-term care, maternity care, and mental health services

Nearly one third of adults have received maternity care, home health care, or nursing home care through Medicaid.



516,500 West Virginians are covered by Medicaid, including children, pregnant women, people with disabilities, low-income working adults, and seniors → 164,604 are covered by the ACA thanks to Medicaid expansion

25,663 children are enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP)

Gutting Medicaid would mean fewer kids and struggling seniors could see a doctor when they need it the most. Families will lose the care they need to stay healthy, lose the ability to age with dignity, and lose control over their financial future.