

The Devastating Consequences of Medicaid Cuts

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More than 263,300 Alaskans rely on Medicaid & CHIP¹

Cuts to Medicaid would disproportionately hurt children, older adults, people with disabilities, and people of color by eliminating their health care access and coverage.

Cutting Care for Children

Nearly 90% of eligible children in Alaska are supported by Medicaid and/or CHIP.² Cuts would disproportionately hurt children with the lowest incomes and the highest health care needs.³



Blocking Access for Pregnant Women and Newborns

Nearly 3,600 births (38%) in Alaska per year are covered by Medicaid. A cut to Medicaid would prevent mothers from obtaining the care they need.⁴



Increasing Disparities for Communities of Color

Medicaid covers more than 58% of adults of color in Alaska ages 18-65.⁵ A decrease in Medicaid funding would directly impact access to the communities that need it the most.



Curbing Health Care Access for People with Disabilities

Medicaid covers 45% of nonelderly adults with disabilities nationwide, roughly 10 million people.⁶ They depend on Medicaid for services in order to thrive in their communities.



Cuts to Medicare Beneficiaries

Cuts to Medicaid could impact more than 19,700 dually-eligible Alaskans who rely on the program to help pay their Medicare premiums and co-pays.⁷



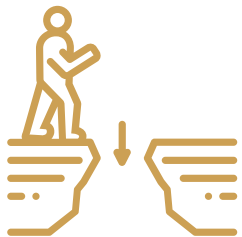
Disrupting Nursing Home Care

Cuts to Medicaid could disrupt care for 78% of nursing home residents in Alaska who use Medicaid as their primary payer to stay in a nursing facility.⁸



House Republicans' Proposed Cuts Threaten Care For Americans At Risk

The House Republicans' bill puts nearly 71,900 Alaskans at risk of losing Medicaid coverage and could lead to gaps in health care coverage and undermine family economic security.⁹



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