

# The Devastating Consequences of Medicaid Cuts

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More than 325,500 Montanans rely on Medicaid & CHIP<sup>1</sup>

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 Montana are supported by Medicaid and/or CHIP.<sup>2</sup> Cuts would disproportionately hurt children with the lowest incomes and the highest health care needs.<sup>3</sup>



## Blocking Access for Pregnant Women and Newborns

4,200 births (37%) in Montana per year are covered by Medicaid. A cut to Medicaid would prevent mothers from obtaining the care they need.<sup>4</sup>



## Increasing Disparities for Communities of Color

Medicaid covers nearly 29% of adults of color in Montana ages 18-65.<sup>5</sup> 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.<sup>6</sup> They depend on Medicaid for services in order to thrive in their communities.



## Cuts to Medicare Beneficiaries

Cuts to Medicaid could impact more than 29,000 dually-eligible Montanans who rely on the program to help pay their Medicare premiums and co-pays.<sup>7</sup>



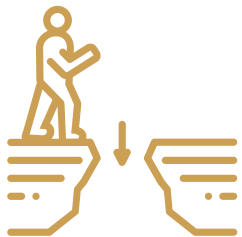
## Disrupting Nursing Home Care

Cuts to Medicaid could disrupt care for 59% of nursing home residents in Montana who use Medicaid as their primary payer to stay in a nursing facility.<sup>8</sup>



## House Republicans' Proposed Cuts Threaten Care For Americans At Risk

The House Republicans' bill puts more than 109,900 Montanans at risk of losing Medicaid coverage and could lead to gaps in health care coverage and undermine family economic security.<sup>9</sup>



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