

The Devastating Consequences of Medicaid Cuts

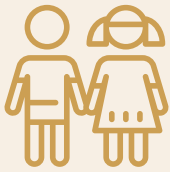
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Nearly 1.3 million South Carolinians rely on Medicaid & CHIP¹

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 93% of eligible children in the state 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

More than 26,800 births (47%) in South Carolina 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 nearly 58% of adults of color in South Carolina 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 nearly 175,200 dually-eligible South Carolinians 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 62% of nursing home residents in South Carolina who use Medicaid as their primary payer to stay in a nursing facility.⁸



Threatening Financial Stability of Community Hospitals

Any cut to Medicaid could decrease reimbursement for the 73 community hospitals in South Carolina, which could create uncertainty for the financial sustainability of the hospitals that are critical care access points and job creators in their local areas.⁹



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