

The Devastating Consequences of Medicaid Cuts

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More than 5.8 million Texans 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 85% of eligible children in Texas 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 180,700 births (48%) in Texas 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 80% of adults of color in Texas 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 would impact more than 747,500 dually-eligible Texans who rely on the program to help pay their Medicare premiums and co-pays.⁷



Disrupting Nursing Home Care

Cuts to Medicaid would disrupt care for 61% of nursing home residents in Texas who use Medicaid as their primary payer to stay in a nursing facility.⁸



Threatening Financial Stability of Community Hospitals

Any cut to Medicaid would decrease reimbursement for the 523 community hospitals in Texas, 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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