

The Devastating Consequences of Medicaid Cuts on Older Adults

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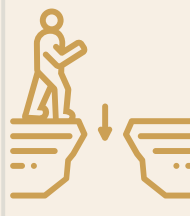
Nearly 9.5 Million older adults rely on Medicaid.¹

Cuts to Medicaid would compromise essential services and other assistance that older adults rely on to maintain their health and independence.



Disrupting Nursing Home Care

Cuts to Medicaid could disrupt care for 62% of nursing home residents nationwide who use Medicaid as their primary payer to stay in a nursing facility.²



Widening Benefit Gaps

Medicaid can cover transportation, vision care, and other services that traditional Medicare does not cover. Cuts to Medicaid will restrict access to these benefits that are critical to the health and well-being of older adults.³



Increasing HCBS Waiting Lists

Cuts to Medicaid will increase waiting lists for home and community-based services. This will hinder the ability of older adults to receive long-term care in their homes and community.⁴



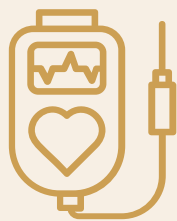
Cuts to Medicare Beneficiaries

Cuts to Medicaid could impact nearly 9.5 million dually eligible older adults who rely on the program to help pay their Medicare premiums and co-pays.⁵



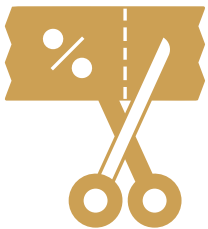
Weakening Family Financial Security

Cuts to Medicaid can lead to the millions of low-income seniors spending significantly more on out-of-pocket health care costs, increasing difficulties to pay their bills.⁶



Increasing Premature Death

Medicaid expansion saved the lives of at least 19,200 adults aged 55 to 64 over the four-year period from 2014 to 2017. Cuts to Medicaid may increase annual mortality rates for older adults.⁷



House Republicans' Proposed Cuts Threaten Care For Americans At Risk

The House Republicans' bill put over 21.2 million Americans at risk of losing Medicaid coverage and could lead to gaps in health care coverage and undermine family economic security.⁸

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